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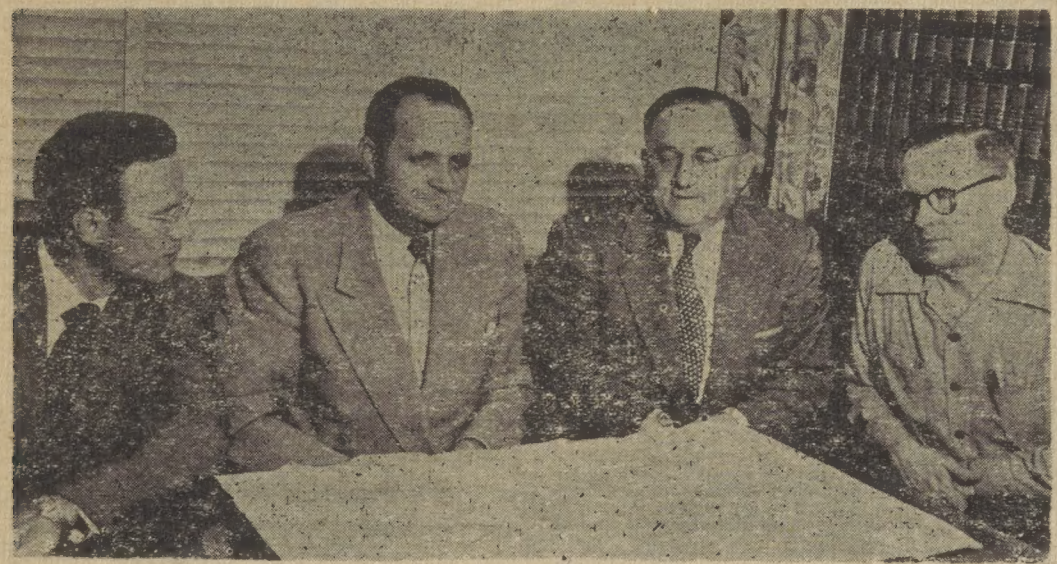
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Oakland Stake Tabernacle Will Be Erected On Proposed Temple Site



Reading left to right: Bishop Curtis R. Bybee, President Delbert F. Wright, Brother Clarence W. Silver of the Church Building Committee, and Bishop H. A. Van Noy.

This meeting was held with Brother Silver on Friday, September 5, 1952, at which time consideration was given for the building of a Maxwell Park meeting house and the Oakland Stake Tabernacle.

After many months of searching for a suitable site for the Oakland Stake Tabernacle, word has been received from the General Authorities suggesting the building be erected on the temple site at upper Coolidge Avenue in East Oakland.

It was originally planned to build the tabernacle in conjunction with the Maxwell Park and Diamond Wards; recommendation to that effect was laid before the Presiding Bishopric early in September. Immediately thereafter Brother Clarence W. Silver of the General Church Building Committee was asked to inspect the properties. This was done and at the time of his visit he conferred with the Stake Presidency and bishops of both the wards involved.

Following his return to Salt Lake City and his report to the

Church Committee on Expenditures, word was received in mid-September from Bishop Wirthlin advising that after careful consideration and review the brethren felt it was preferable to construct the Tabernacle on the temple site, probably in conjunction with a new ward projected in that area comprising the families now in the upper section of the Oakland and Diamond Wards.

Thus will be utilized part of the ample land available at the temple site. The Stake Tabernacle of course, will be designed and planned to fit in, but in no way to conflict with, the projected temple to be built later on this magnificent upland overlooking the entire bay area.

The action proposed above was presented to the Oakland Stake Priesthood and Leadership Meeting Saturday, September 27, and was unanimously approved.

Temple Excavation In Los Angeles Nears Completion

President David O. McKay left Salt Lake City Saturday morning, September 13 accompanied by Mrs. McKay, to spend the week in Los Angeles, resting and making preparations for the approaching general conference.

His two counselors, President Stephen L. Richards and President J. Reuben Clark Jr., traveling by train, joined him on the Temple site Monday morning and then returned to Salt Lake City early Tuesday.

Back Next Week
The First Presidency saw excavation for the basement and foundations of the Temple nearing completion on their Monday visit. This part of the work was completed later this week except for some tidying up by hand labor.

Work is now under way on the foundation forms.

Heavy posts set in concrete have been placed completely around the perimeter of the Temple. They will be used to hold the forms in place when pouring of concrete begins. They now outline the shape of the building to be.

Down 25 Feet

At the center of the building in the area of the baptismal font, the excavation has gone down 25 feet. Other sections of the grading is between 10 and 20 feet below the surface.

Other work of the past few weeks has included the erection of several tool and storage supply sheds and the installation of a large concrete mixer complete with runway for trucks and concrete power "buggies."

Superintendent of construction Soren Jacobsen and his staff are now established in the large home on the property.



Liahona Rally; Do The Impossible!

Despite all obstacles, financial and also muscular, the leaders and members of the Liahona Club will have, by the time this is read, roofed and sided in both the lodge and the utility house on their high Sierra campsite on the Stanislaus. Four inches of new snow fell in mid September.

Like the phoenix bird of ancient legend, these two mountain structures have risen during the months of September and October literally from the "ashes" of their own snow-crushed frames. The "impossible" has been done by the Liahonas.

Much remains yet to do to clear-up the finances for the materials that have gone into the better designed and stronger built lodge and utility structure. But plans now in the making will care for all this.

Chairman C. Ronald Smith announced plans for the forthcoming grand annual ladies night super-stage show and banquet at the Alameda ward hall in early December. Delbert H. Rock was named master of ceremonies for the evening. Door prize will again feature the event which has come to mean the best in food, fun and good fellowship.

Addressing the club in one of the better speeches in the history of the club, Sol Gilbert, prominent realtor and mayor's special aid in studying off-sweat parking, and currently head of the "Oakland 1952 Crusade," dealt with downtown and shopping center parking problems.

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Take The Era; Read The Era!

Church-wide Era Week observance will begin on Sunday, October 12 with special observance and announcements in all Sunday meetings of the Church's more than 1200 wards.

Objective: The Improvement Era in every LDS home of the Church. Era circulation has climbed to an alltime high; the magazine has become almost indispensable to all good Latter-day Saints, for its messages and its inspiring literature.

On Tuesday, October 14, each MIA ward assembly program will be devoted to the Era campaign: (1) place the Era in every family, and (2) read the Era monthly.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FILLS SALT LAKE CITY

Elder Bowen Recuperating; Relief Society Conference Held

Meetings in connection with the 123rd semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints attracted between 8,000 and 20,000 persons to Temple Square for each meeting, Oct. 3, 4 and 5 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

Men of the church filled the 3,000-seat Tabernacle to overflowing Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. for the priesthood meeting. The presiding bishopric called a meeting for Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Tabernacle for members of ward bishoprics, stake Aaronic priesthood committees and co-ordinators. Aaronic priesthood quorum advisers and secretaries, stake adult Aaronic priesthood committee members, co-ordinators, group advisers and secretaries, stake ward teaching committees and ward teaching division supervisors.

Preceding the Sunday morning general session on Oct. 5 came two nation-wide radio broadcasts originating in the Tabernacle.

Also that Sunday, the semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union auxiliary of the church met at 7 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

The Relief Society, women's auxiliary of the church, held its annual conference Oct. 1 and 2. Because attendance at this conference has outgrown facilities used in the past, this year for the first time all sessions of the Relief Society conference were held in the Tabernacle.

All general authorities of the church except A. E. Bowen, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, who is recovering from a recent illness, spoke at the general conference.

LIGHT OPERA COMING; MAXWELL PARK OFFERS PATSY CRAIG, JAY ROBINSON

All Aboard; Ft. Ord!

In a chatty interview with draftees at 30 Van Ness avenue, San Francisco, as they board the Greyhound bus for Fort Ord, the San Francisco Chronicle on August 12 interviewed and photographed Elder Keith Stephens, Maxwell Park's recently returned missionary and son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion G. Stephens of Fleming avenue, Oakland. It says:

"Across the aisle sat Keith Stephens, who is 23, tall, with angular features and blond hair. His home is at 4701 Fleming avenue, Oakland, and until a few months ago he was a Latter-day Saints missionary. When called by his church to do work in the Midwest, he responded wholeheartedly, and, in accordance with the Mormon missionary principles, supplied his own board and room out of his own and his parents' savings. During his two years of religious service he read-

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Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be presented by a select group of singers and actors from the Oakland Stake, under the capable direction of Sterling Nicholas, recently returned missionary and graduate of the Stockton Academy of Music. Assisting him will be Gladys Olsen.

Fern Nelson of Spot Light Varieties fame is the drama director. The choreography is being handled by Lola Starns, Alameda Ward. A cast of 50 voices will be accompanied by the San Leandro Symphonettes, 30 piece Symphony Orchestra.

Plan now to be there for an enjoyable evening. We urge you to get your tickets early for the entire family.

This Operetta will be presented Friday, November 21, 1952, at the Oakland Civic Auditorium Theatre, 12th and Fallon Streets. Proceeds will go to the Maxwell Park Ward Building Fund. Tickets may be obtained from your Bishop or I. B. Ball, Messenger Editor.

Remember the date—November 21, 1952.

Oakland Stake Fathers and Sons Outing



S. F. Tabernacle Custodian Has Distinguished Record Church Service In Mexico

Elder and Mrs. Lester Farnsworth, new custodians of the San Francisco Stake Tabernacle have given a lifetime of service to the Church in the Latter-day Saint colonies in Mexico.

These worthy Church members are the subject of a page-long, illustrated article from the pen of Jean G. Lauper, appearing in the Church News of Saturday, September 20. Sister Lauper is the wife of Serge Lauper of the San Francisco stake presidency and is Messenger reporter for that stake.

Born in Tuba, Arizona, where his father was filling a mission under call of Pres. John Taylor among the Navaho Indians, Elder Farnsworth grew up and married amid the LDS colonies in Colonia Garcia where he was called to serve as bishop during the hectic days of the Mexican rebellion led by Villa. During this time he and eight young saints scoured the region and recovered and sold 1200 scattered cattle when the LDS colony was driven out of Mexico and their settlements robbed and largely burned by rebel bands.

Parents of six living and eight

Oakland Stake Carnival Declared 'Greatest Ever'

With foodstuffs matching the biggest super market; with clothing supplies equal to your favorite department store; with appliances, tools, and supplies to keep pace with a hardware store; and with unique games of skill and chance for young and old the Oakland Stake Carnival slated for Saturday, October 11, promises to be "the greatest ever."

Oakland Stake Conference Comes October 25-26

The regular quarterly Conference of the Oakland Stake of Zion will convene Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26.

Saturday evening will be a welfare session at 6:30 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the Priesthood-Leadership meeting. These will convene in the Oakland Ward chapel.

The Sunday morning session of the conference at 10 o'clock will be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium near Lake Merritt, Oakland.

No sessions will be held Sunday afternoon, but at 7 p.m. Sunday the last session of the conference will be held in the Oakland Ward chapel, MacArthur and Webster.

McCune School of Music Now BYU Branch

Becomes Second Branch of LDS Business College 1st Branch

The McCune School of Music, a Latter-day Saint institution serving the Salt Lake area, became a branch of the BYU Saturday, September 20, 1952. Thus one of the West's leading conservatories of fine arts, especially music, became part of the great church college system which now includes, besides the rapidly expanding Brigham Young University, at Provo, Utah, the LDS Business College and now the well-known McCune School of Music.

The McCune School Branch will consist of college and non-college divisions, and the scope of courses will continue; much as they are at present except to conform them to like courses on the BYU campus at Provo.

McCune Branch students, says Pres. Wilkinson of BYU, will receive full college credit interchangeable with the BYU, thus having the same wide accreditation as does the Provo University.

Many California musicians have received training at the 30-year-old McCune School of (Continued on page 4)

From 10 a.m. to midnight at the Stake Welfare Center, 9338 Gould Street in East Oakland just above San Leandro avenue, the Carnival will hold forth for all members of Oakland Stake, their friends, and friends from other nearby stakes.

The Carnival policy, as in years past, will be to price all articles and food equal to or lower than the lowest figures at which they can be purchased anywhere else, according to a statement from Brother James J. Muir, Chairman. "This year," said Chairman Muir, "we are going to outdo all past events with an unlimited supply of foodstuffs, including fresh meats, canned foods, fresh fruits and vegetables and cereals.

"Our Country Store, under the management of Heber James Brown, is sure to hit an all-time high in quality and quantity of items. Because of our low price policy, however, we will not have any auction at the close of the day," Chairman Muir added.

Quilts and all kinds of expert handiwork will be on sale by the Relief Society. The pastry department, with cookies, cakes, bread, pies, candy, etc., will be under the auspices of the Primary. Household appliances, building materials, renovated furniture and other useful items, will be in ample supply. A large supply of sulphate of ammonia—an unexcelled fertilizer—will be available for those who want to give new life to their gardens and lawns.

Food for the entire family, both luncheon and supper, will be available in the various booths at the Carnival. Delbert Wright, Oakland Stake Presidency, issued the following statement: "We will make a refund of double the cost to anyone who doesn't agree that the barbecued pork sandwiches served by the Stake Presidency are the best ever tasted."

For the young and the energetic, dancing will be offered in the evening. Because of the extensive evening activities arrangements have been made for the entire area to be brightly lighted.

All of the wards in Oakland Stake have rallied together for supplying the articles and food for sale. The benefits from the Carnival will be used in promoting the Stake Welfare Program.

Regional Welfare Stresses Bishops' Council, Employment Placement In Welfare Plan

The Bay Area Welfare Region Committee met September 22 in the Oakland Stake chapel. Present were presidencies, the bishops and the Relief Society presidents of the five stakes of Palo Alto, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and Santa Rosa.

The two main subjects for consideration were the functions of the Bishops' Councils and the Employment Placement committees in the over-all welfare program of this bay region.

Bishop Paul E. Warnick of Oakland Ward made the presentation of the first topic, that of the work of the bishops' councils in each stake. It is understood that Oakland stake has made distinct progress in the most effective means of carrying forward the assigned work of these councils composed of all the bishops within any particular stake.

The employment placement service to the welfare program was presented by President Glenn C. Shaw of the Oakland Stake presidency.

The next meeting of the Bay Area Regional Welfare Committee of which Delbert F. Wright of Oakland Stake is acting director will be held in the Oakland Stake chapel, MacArthur and Webster, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. Requested to be present at this meeting, where the budget for the ensuing year will be allocated to the stakes, are the stake presidencies, the chairmen of the Bishops' Councils, and the presidents of the Stake Relief Societies. Marion G. Romney, of the

General Welfare Committee, will be in attendance.

President Wright expressed extreme optimism to the effect that the 1952 regional welfare budget will be produced in cash or in kind 100 per cent. He stated also that the Oakland Stake farm has been sold for subdivision and that the option will be taken up soon by the realty dealers.

LDS College Students May Be Chaplains

A new ruling by the Air Force ROTC units will permit students in this college organization to put theological training into practice in air force careers.

This announcement first coming from Lt. Col. Robert J. Hill, professor of air science and tactics at the Utah State Agricultural College, marks the institution of an entirely new program in the Air Force ROTC.

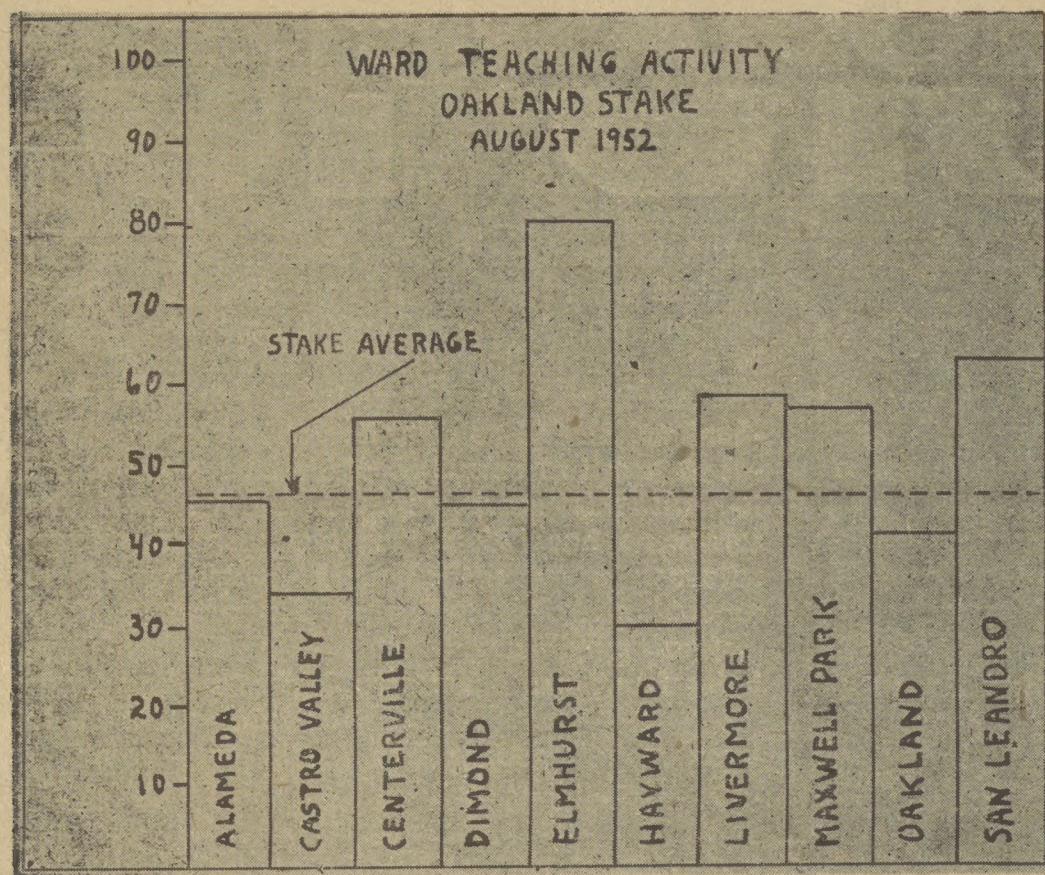
Students who desire to study theology and receive reserve commissions as chaplains may now apply to the chaplain agency for ecclesiastical approval. Col. Hill explained Saturday, September 20. When accepted, such students will be commissioned second lieutenants in the chaplain career field.

At the completion of this training in ROTC units, these candidates then become first lieutenants as chaplains in the Air Force reserve and may apply for active duty.

OAKLAND STAKE

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"WARD TEACHING ACTIVITY"



The above graph shows the combined percentages of each ward listed for attendance at Monthly Ward Teachers' Report Meeting, and for the number of FAMILIES VISITED. Are you satisfied with the comparative standing of your ward? If not, will you do something about it?

Dimond Ward News

Patricia, George Hilton.

Louis Johnson Home Again

By MELVA RAINEY.

The Dimond Ward Relief Society is going "all out for a bang up" interesting year. Rose Clark is the new President, with Mavis Humphries and Chloe Call, counselors; Neita Van Noy, organist; Melva Rainey, chorister and publicity director; June Smith, theology; Dolly Grenier, social science; Emma Gardner, literature; Grace Bryson, visiting teacher supervisor; Vida Lahr teacher topic leader; Lulu McCarthy, work-day director; Ruby Donnelly, secretary and treasurer; Lila Graham magazine representative; and Katherine Kellenbaum, food director.

The board recently completed a tour through the Chapel of the Chimes, and to Mosswood Park for a lunch picnic. On October 7 Tom Ferguson will lecture on his newest book. The presidency urge all the ladies to come out and enjoy a wonderful year.

The Sunday School has a new superintendency: Frank Egger, Dr. Sidney Friday and Carl Decker.

MIA of the four west wards of Oakland Stake met at Dimond Ward for a swim and a roller skating party recently; afterwards at the recreation hall for dancing and refreshments.

Dimond Ward recreation hall was the setting for a very unique M-Men and Gleaner Hawaiian Luau. Poi was flown in from the islands and other food was prepared and served by local Hawaiians. John Kai roasted a pig in the true Hawaiian style. A Hawaiian orchestra furnished the music. The young people came dressed in genuine Hawaiian fashion with leis, sarongs, hats and all the other fashions of Hawaii.

Home from their missions are Patricia Hilton who served in the British mission with her parents, Ruth and Eugene Hilton, and George Hilton from the Tahitian mission, and Louis Jackson from the Uruguay mission.

Recently a Hobo party was held at the Oakland Ward Chapel for the Seventies and their wives. Costumed in hobo style, they played games and served refreshments in tin cups and cans and knap sacks. Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCarthy and Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Ogden were sponsors. They also had a garden party of tennis and croquet and a pot-luck dinner and barbecue at the home of President Delbert Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Finch were sponsors of this affair.

The full-time missionaries of the Golden Gate District of the Northern California Mission baptized 19 converts for the month of August. Many elders are being released and report plans for college and for business.

Welcome into our ward the Bliss family of Art, Pearl and Richard. Brother Bliss was formerly in the Oakland Ward bishopric; Pearl was ward organist; and Richard is still serving as Sunday School superintendent. Art has been asked to be Aaronic Priesthood adviser. He is associated with Bishop Curtis R. Bybee in selling real



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Oakland Stake News

By MILDRED FONTANO

The fathers and sons at Marsh Creek Springs park had a grand time September 5 and 6. Eats on the stake, eats on the ward, eats on the fathers! Singing, sleeping and playing. A happy group returned home.

Louis Jackson, returned missionary to Uruguay, gave a fine talk in Dimond ward September 21. Patricia Hilton also reported on her mission to England and her brother, George Hilton, reported his mission to Samoa. Vivian Williams of Maxwell Park has been home from the Great Lakes Mission, where she worked seven months in the mission home and six months as supervisor of other lady missionaries.

The James B. Lindfords toured the United States for eight weeks with their son, Robert, and his friend, both of whom are Eagle scouts. Much time was spent sight-seeing, birding and fishing. A side trip to Vermont to see the Joseph Smith monument was very interesting.

Brother J. Ivy, former president of the Japanese mission, speaking in Alameda, said that when the Japanese mission was closed years ago by President Heber J. Grant, he had said it would be reopened again and many would receive the gospel. This prophecy is now being fulfilled.

Kenneth Everett took his wife, Alice, and the two youngest children to Eugene, Oregon, this month on a vacation while he scored the golf tournament for the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Eugene. For the past two years Kenneth has been the scorer for the Professional Golf Tournament Association starting at Bing Crosby's course at Monterey, then to Florida, New York and all over the United States. While Kenneth was away his family lived in Ogden, Utah. Now they have purchased a home in Alameda.

Gail Cragun is still in Europe. He helped fly the airlift some years ago, then was placed in the government intelligence department. Now he works as an FBI man in the American Zone in Germany. Gail brought his family home from Germany when more trouble threatened over there. When Gail was returning from his mission in South America years ago one of the U. S. consuls and party on board ship wanted religious worship. But no minister was on board. Gail heard of the need, volunteered and held ship service several times.

visit of his mother from Provo. Russel and Luzzeta Stuart have moved to Oregon. Hayward will long miss these fine people.

Frank Hawkins and family suffered a freak accident when the left hind wheel came off their car. The wheel flew into the air coming down onto a new Frazer. The Hawkins car continued on to run into a truck. Georgia Hawkins suffered a sprained arm.

Garth James and family have moved to Logan from the Hayward Ward.

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Oakland Stake Bees Really Buzz Busily

By Myrtle Snarr and Marguerite Miller Stake Beehive Keepers

Oakland Stake Bees were kept on the go and buzzing continuously during the month of August. Here's the fast schedule they followed:

August 2 sixty-three Beehive Girls and Boy Scouts at Dimond Park: before breakfast get-acquainted games; breakfast; registration; flag raising by Oakland Ward Boy Scouts, President Furrman of the stake YMMIA offering the prayer; more games; then to Dimond chapel for a movie and lecture on bees by Mr. Crump, president of the Alameda County Beekeepers Association as arranged by Louis Johnson.

The rest of the month the girls were busy working on cells, bee lines and honor badges, group hiking, taking part in sports and camping (mostly in backyards) and making doll clothes which they entered in the fashion show held Sept. 25.

Climax to all this August activity came August 26 at beautiful Redwood Lodge where 65 Beehive Girls and their leaders were greeted and registered by Myrtle Snarr at 2:30 p.m., allowing the rest of the day for getting acquainted and setting up beds; then dinner served by the excellent camp cooks Ray Stamps and Mildred Fontana. This was followed by a talent fireside show before a late call to beds.

Bugle call at 7:30 a.m. opened many sleepy-eyed, eager girls. Came breakfast, sweeping the camp, washing dishes, cleaning vegetables, packing lunches, and some handicraft work directed by Janice Thomas, such as paper flowers and quilt blocks which will eventually find their way to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

At 11:30 everyone was given a sack lunch and set on an exploring hike directed by Lois Butler, later bringing back surprise assortments of leaves, bugs, spiders and lizards, and even a live snake!

Then fires started for dinner, preceded by sports. After dinner another fireside program and a faith-promoting story by Mildred Fontana, and singing by Sister Anderson of the appropriate "Indian Love Song."

Saturday an early bugle call, breakfast, chores, packing bedding, a short hike to visit the



Vivian Williams

After 20 months of fine service in the mission field, Vivian Williams, daughter of Clarence and Lucille Williams has returned to take her place again in the ward. Vivian gave her report of labors spent in the Great Lakes Mission. As with all missionaries she could tell endless stories of success and happiness in the field. For six months she worked in the mission home as bookkeeper and accountant and as Primary supervisor, then she supervised the lady missionaries in Indiana and Ohio. She was appointed to give the principal address over the radio on Mother's Day, telling of our Pioneer mothers.

Sister Williams had many wonderful experiences after learning from former Oakland Stake member, Bro. Wilford Aston, the new method of presenting the Gospel to the world. After four visits most of the investigators asked for baptism.

To welcome her home, Maxwell Park's meeting house was full to the brim. A male quartet sang two beautiful numbers and later at a ward reception the same fellows, Bobby Martin, Brent Shaw, Grant Hawkins and Joe Moody sang a humorous number composed especially to welcome Vivian home. Light refreshments were served.

We are looking forward to Viv's conference report.

next campgrounds where the San Francisco Stake Boy Scouts were gathered.

At 11:30 farewells were said, and by 2:30 the doors were closed on 65 tired but happy little bees.



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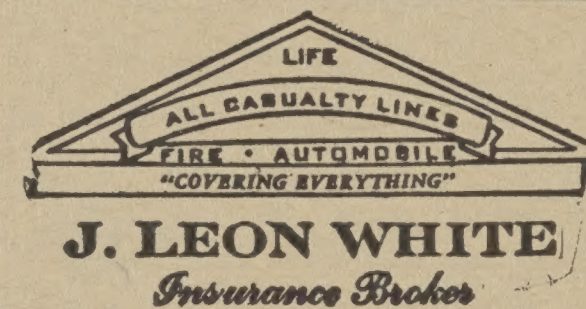
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S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER.

Attending conference this October will be President and Sister Barton, Ira and Edie Somers, Herman and Bessie Schettler, Stake Patriarch Stephen H. Winter and his wife, Gladys, who heads the Relief Society and a number of her stake board. Many of them plan to attend the convention of the daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Florence Costa, Jessie Martin and Jacketta Quealy are among these.

The Relief Society Union meeting held September 16, under the leadership of Sisters Winter, Somers and Martin was an inspiring and educational session. A valuable new member has been added to the Relief Society board, Mabel O. Liddell, who most recently has been president of the Mission Ward Relief Society. She will teach the theology lessons.

D. Forrest Green, Superintendent of the Sunday School, announces Dale Evans as his second assistant.

A big party right out of science fiction was planned for the Teen Aegers of the stake September 5. With Flying Saucers as the theme, the decorations featured a silhouette of a city with rockets and space ships, and helium filled balloons. The dark blue and silver programs named the dances for planets. Flying saucer cookies with silver decorations were served.

Responsible for the flight into the future were Marian Nelson, Afton Jensen, Maurine Henrickson and Merle Morris.

Stake M Men-Gleaner elections were held September 20 in the Stake House. The new officers are Lucas Politis of Mission Ward, chairman, Ann Guinn of San Rafael, Gleaner Representative, and Homer Hord of Sunset M Men.

It was with regret that Dr. Ray Wilcox was recently released from the MIA board.

An interesting visitor to the city late in September was Frank Kimball of Washington, D. C. a counselor in the presidency of the Washington Stake. He was here in his capacity as executive secretary to the International Development Advisory Board. Kimball and Veda Bramwell were dinner guests of Presi-

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Balboa Ward News

Balboa Welcomes

New Members

By IDA M. MILLER.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE: Faculty Meeting, September 8; Bishop Cummings gave a financial report on the status of Balboa Ward for 1951. As God's agent in charge of these funds, he stressed that they had to be meted out wisely and with much forethought.

The Primary Festival was held

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By ETHEL TITUS.

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The press of our nation seem not to discover, much "news" associated with these unique semi-annual religious gatherings within the folds of the Wasatch mountains at the "crossroads of the west." Latter-day Saint conferences differ from great Catholic outpourings in the lack of pageantry; they differ from Protestant conferences in the lack of emotionalism and also of heated debates over doctrine or procedure.

The people of the Church and their lay leaders travel considerable distances to listen to instruction and exhortation from the lips of "prophets, seers and revelators" and associates in the ministry. Peaceful harmony prevails; solemn, reverent attention is paid to calm, devout preaching which even the wayfarer may understand and yet which feasts the heart and mind of all attuned intelligences.

Twenty-five gifted and practical men, commonly spoken of as the "general authorities of the Church" speak at ten public conference sessions held in the great Tabernacle at Salt Lake City usually for a period of three days. Attending are members and official representatives from over 1000 wards, near 200 stakes and the many missions of the Church. It is estimated that the number in attendance exceeds twenty thousands.

Sustaining the appointed general Church leaders by a common show of hands is not the least important function of these conferences which are held in conformity to revelation, and conducted under the guidance of the Holy Ghost and the authority of the holy priesthood.

The common reactions of attending members at these General Conferences is found to be one of deep, soul-satisfying peace, joy and encouragement. Seldom is new doctrine taught; yet truth and light seem to glow over each speaker and to warm and enlighten each listener.

The view of earth-life as part of a great over-arching plan for the full development of the literal spirit children of heavenly parents; the sure knowledge of "who we are" and of mankind's loving child-father-mother relationship to the Supreme Beings of the universe; the assurance of a possible exaltation to perfect manhood—godhood hereafter, and the glories prepared for the eventual blessing of even the most fallen of our fellowmen—all this flood of truth inundates the thirsty soul anew with joyful and revivifying floods of sure confidence and hope.

The "conference crowds" on temple square between sessions where old friends again meet and greet each other with laughing eyes and happy voices; the hearty freedom of good fellowship seen and felt on every hand; reunions of relatives, friends and missionaries; the personal chats of the people with their leaders "between times"—where could one find better evidence that "it is good for friends to dwell together in peace."

Music also joins the spoken word to enliven and inspire the mind and soul at our general conferences. A great organ and a near-400 voiced choir, famed world-wide, lead the vast audiences in "songs of the heart" that our Lord has declared are "a prayer unto me."

Indeed peace and unity reigns within the souls of humble saints and broods over the buildings and grounds on "Temple Square" at "General Conference" time in the city of the saints. Happy those who can attend!

Moses, The Lawgiver of Israel



The oil painting from which this picture of Moses was engraved is another powerful figure by Paul Barrus of Pittsburg Ward.

By JIMINY

Sometimes we think "How can old brother So-and-so bear his testimony and say he is thankful for the many blessings he has received?"

We know he is in a bad way financially, we know his wife is dead and he is lonesome; we know his son is not living right and that it grieves the dear old man very much. We just can't see a single way in which he is blessed. Is he crazy? It he just talking when he gives thanks to his Heavenly Father for his many blessings?

Give a look, friends. First let us look at you. Yes, you. How do you feel? How are you fixed? Do you have about as much money as your friends? Are you comfortable? We will assume you are. But I'll bet you are not entirely happy.

Most of us are too busy looking over the fence to see the blessings all around us; and probably you are like that too. So now, how do you feel? Do you feel God is good to you? Do you feel the world is grand and life is wonderful?

You don't! Why? Need more money? Need better clothes? Need a new car? Well pal, I'll just bet you something: If and when you get those things you won't be any happier than you are now; you still won't feel blessed.

But look at our old friend. He feels blessed. Pal, most likely

if you had every material thing you ever expressed a slightest desire for you still would not feel blessed. But our old friend feels he is.

RIGHT THAR PARDNER IS THE GOLD NUGGET. Feeling blessed is of itself the greatest blessing you could possibly have for it is the exact feeling we all chase so frantically but seldom find.

Ever hear of the pursuit of happiness. Happiness is the golden pot at the end of the rainbow. Your poor old friend has it. He has a place in his heart that is sweet and calm and as peaceful as heaven itself. Can you give him anything more precious? Nope, you can't.

That still delight in his heart is not troubled by ANY outside happening. Priceless? Of course! He has it, you have not. It is your move. Whose footsteps will you follow? When?

• "Look son," said a father to his six year old. "There is a tent up on that hill, and an army jeep sitting by it."

"I see it, but what do you mean by 'jeep sitting by it.'"

"Well there is a jeep by the tent."

"Yes, but you said it was sitting. If it was sitting it would be tipped over on its hind end like we are when we sit down."

"Okay, you win son. There is a jeep standing by the tent."

A Series of Quotations In Which The Christ Solemnly Attests His Divinity

Search the Scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive Me not: but if another come in His own name, him ye will receive.

How can ye believe, who receive honors one of another, and seeketh not the honor that cometh from God only?

Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he testified of me.—John 5:39-46.

COMMENTARY: In Deuteronomy the Lord prophesied, saying, I will raise up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto me, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. Duet. 18:18.

Isaiah also commanded the people to read the Scripture, saying, Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read it . . . for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.—Isaiah 34:16.

WHEAT TO EAT

Wm. BRADY, M. D.

Any wheat used for flour or for making any cereal food or for feed, is wholesome, healthful food as it comes from the thrasher. Popular prejudices against the use of plain wheat as a staple and a mainstay in the daily dietary are cultivated by commercial interests and have no foundation in physiology. Certain invalids may not be able to digest plain wheat, but actual tests have proved that ordinary persons can and do digest it perfectly and thrive on it better than they do on refined white bread.

Without naming any familiar complaints or symptoms here, I may say that I believe a good many common ailments would soon disappear if we would set up in every kitchen or household a wheat bin and a suitable mill or grinder for preparing meal or flour as needed.

In the process of making refined white flour the more vital essentials are removed from the wheat. In the first place, wheat is the richest natural source of vitamin B complex and E and a good source of vitamin A; whereas white flour contains only an insignificant amount of B complex, far less than the body requires to function normally. Milling and refining also removes four-fifths of the iron, nearly four-fifths of the phosphorus and nearly one-half of the calcium (lime) in the wheat. The finished product, white flour, yields as many calories as does plain, unsophisticated wheat or cornstarch or tapioca, but it is far from being adequate food as we now understand nutrition.

The practice of refining or manufacturing plain wheat into white flour rests on three factors which are all questionable from the viewpoint of health. First, flour does not keep well unless the germ is removed, and nowadays it is necessary to transport flour long distances and to

store it for considerable periods before it is sold or used. In the germ or embryo most of the vitamins and a large part of the mineral elements of the wheat are contained. Second, there is a popular notion, cultivated by commercial interests, that the bran or outer part of the kernel of wheat is not digestible by man. Some old physicians seem to entertain this notion, too. Actually, physiological observation, notably by Hindede, has proved that the wheat bran is well digested by man and that bread of whole wheat sustains health and efficiency both of which become impaired if the bread in the diet is changed to white bread. (This does not imply that invalids can use wheat bran without the advice of their physicians). Finally from years or perhaps a lifetime of habit the natural taste has been modified and an artificial preference for white bread developed. This factor of taste soon adjusts itself when one experiments with plain wheat and discovers how zestful and appetizing are the numerous breads, cakes and dishes in which wheat is the principal ingredient.

Since most fruits and vegetables contain some vitamin B it is possible to get enough to maintain optimal health from a well balanced diet alone. But if refined white flour is used, the diet is likely to be deficient in vitamin B to the extent to which white flour is used instead of the entire wheat.

Nuclear Reactor For U. of U. Campus

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interested in studying chemical reactions with the aid of the radioactive materials made available. Atomic medicine will without question become increasingly important. The College of Medicine already has investigations under way in the field of

Our Readers Views

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unsigned letters addressed to the editor of any newspaper are never printed in part or in full. We are sorry that we are compelled to follow this principle, even though a letter may itself be entirely proper and be worthy of printing.

We continue to hope that the Messenger readers will feel that the paper is theirs as much as it is anyone's else, and will feel free as the air to write and express opinions and suggestions. Try it.

—THE EDITOR,

The Messenger.

Lille, France.

3 September 1952.

Dear Editor:

Greetings from France. First, I'd like to thank you for The Messenger which indeed is a welcome sight in my little apartment once a month. It really helps a great deal to hear of the activity and progress of friends and people one loves so much, and the stake of which you once were an active part.

I'd like to say, to all who still remember my name, a hearty "Bonjour," and to newcomers a spiritual handshake and a "Bienvenue," or "welcome." I'd like to congratulate the Messenger staff on the progress on what used to be our little Oakland bulletin and now is a Northern California newspaper. I really think it is a great help in tying us together as a unity which is our goal as a Church and which must be lived as examples so as to be effective as a missionary tool.

I am enjoying my missions. I am glad the foreign missionaries get to stay a little longer; it is so wonderful and there is so much work that has yet to be done. The forthcoming temple in Bern, Switzerland will really be a welcome sight to these people as so many have been anxiously waiting who could not afford a trip to America. President McKay's visit to Europe was a blessing for members and missionaries.

I took special interest in an article in the Messenger signed "An Old Foggie," regarding the possibilities of a Recreational Playground, so to speak, in our Oakland Stake. I'd like to encourage that 1000 per cent. And (speaking from the eyes of one youth who would be benefitted by it), let me say to the young people of the stake, "What can we do to help?" After all who would benefit most from such a stadium and all the recreational facilities and all on the highest moral and physical standards? It would be us. Then isn't it only proper that we do the "impossible" as only the Mormons can do it?

Let officers of the M Men and Gleaners work on it. Start a fund. Firesides shouldn't have dues (except to reimburse the hostess) but added donations from all the Firesides would be a start in a stake fund. Then benefit dances and dinners could be organized. Free donations at every Friday night dance. There are numerous ways; with the help of the Lord we can do it.

"Where there's a will there's a way," have we the WILL? Come on in! it's for US!

Elder Wayne C. Johns,

188 rue Colbert, Lille, France.

All Aboard; Ft. Ord!

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ly obtained a draft deferment; when he returned to Oakland he notified his draft board that he was now ready for two years of military service.

"Stevens certainly was one of the most mature of the 25 draftees, but he said he 'felt incompetent

News and Views of the Book of Mormon

By THOMAS STUART FERGUSON, LL. B.

Tulane University is located at New Orleans. At Tulane is the Middle American Research Institute. This Institute, endowed by the banana bonanza, United Fruit Company, is a leader in the archaeology of Book-of-Mormon lands. I have just received a copy of the Institute "Research Records" for 1951. Of special interest is an article by the Director of the Institute, Dr. Robert Wauchope. It deals with the pottery discovered in southern Mexico and in Guatemala (primary Book of Mormon lands) in the pre-Maya era. This means that the article deals with Nephite-Mulekite times and places, with respect to pottery.

We find that the dishes and dinner-ware of the Nephites, Mulekites and Lamanites were mainly of white ceramic paste. Some of it had a red coating or wash over the inner white clay. The pottery is very like that of ancient Israel, as it should be according to the Nephite record. Some of the jars have simple spouts like those on present-day teapots. Some have designs cut (incised) into the vessels. Some have simple rounded forms and some have what the experts call the "composite silhouette." One of the common features of the bowls found is a wide out-turned lip or rim, looking like a modern soup dish.

One of the principal places where digging has already been done and where dishes have been found going back to Nephite times is in the area around the present city of Tampico, Mexico on the Gulf of Mexico (where the earliest histories of Mexico indicate the Mulekites landed.) This area is known as the Huasteca region because the Maya-speaking Huasteca people still live there and still speak the ancient Maya tongue.

Another important location where such ceramics have already been found is at a place called Zacatenco near Mexico City in Central Mexico. The diggings are about five miles north of the capital. The two early levels there meet all the re-

quirements of Book of Mormon times and cultural levels, and the experts date the pots and dishes squarely with the Nephite-Mulekite era. Other pottery of significance has been found at a site called Tres Zapotes. This place is in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, just a few miles southwest of the Gulf-coast city of Vera Cruz, important Mexican seaport. This is an important Nephite-Mulekite location. Dr. Matthew Stirling of the National Geographic-Smithsonian expedition of 10 years ago did the work there. The place was merely "tested," large-scale excavations are yet to be undertaken. When the work is done important discoveries can be anticipated from the LDS point of view.

In Guatemala early fine wares dating back to Nephite times have been found near Guatemala City at Kaminaljuyu and in the northern jungles at Uaxactun. Our fine friend, Dr. Alfred V. Kidder was in charge of the excavations at both of these ancient Guatemalan cities.

Ariel Crowley's article in the September Improvement Era (at page 644) strongly suggests a connection between the Maya hieroglyphs and the seven lines of Nephite hieroglyphs which Joseph Smith copied directly from the plates of Mormon. Ariel Crowley is a Boise (Idaho) attorney and a ranking Book-of-Mormon scholar. (Occasionally Ariel refers a legal matter our way for handling in this area). He points to the possibility that the Nephite scripts may be the immediate prototypes of the Maya glyphs. Further work will be done on this problem. Incidentally, you should read the Era to keep up with Book of Mormon times.

Next month I'll tell you about a new book written by an explorer who has been looking for some legendary golden tablets down in the very area we have been discussing. He knows of The Book of Mormon and is personally acquainted with a Mormon friend of mine, Otto Done.

McCune School of Music New BYU Branch

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Director Mitchell has given service in public school music in England, Canada and Utah. He has made many contributions in the field of church music.

to judge what is going in or why the world was as troubled as it was."

Balboa Ward News

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the last Wednesday in August in the Mission Ward. Crafts made by Mission and Balboa children were displayed and a program was presented by the children for the mothers. Total attendance 103. Presented Sunday evening, September 7 was a program by the Primary. Sister Neff of the Stake Board spoke.

Babies blessed at September 7 Sacrament meeting: Deborah Louise Crawford, Dixie Schofield, and George Christopher Jarvis. Congratulations to the following newly baptized members: Billy Stewart, Evelyn Marie Hendershott, Peter A. Shaver III and Robert A. Martorello.

Dr. Milton Hubbard was the "Special Interest" speaker at Mutual, September 10. He spoke on new drugs and medicines. Leo Jensen will be the speaker at succeeding meetings.

Released with a vote of thanks: MIA: Claire Dickson, President YWMA, who is moving down the Peninsula. She will be remembered by the way she dedicated herself to her calling and the push and drive she gave it; Lee Oyler, Age Group Counselor; Beatrice Grow, Activity Counselor; and Varena Lambert, Secretary. Sunday School: Carmen Smith.

STAKING A CLAIM

BY DENNIS L. LAUPER

Sometimes we think that if we had lived when the Savior walked and talked on the earth, that it would have been easier for us to live the Gospel. That if we had known him personally we would have more strength of character and a firmer testimony. That if we had heard the "Sermon on the Mount" in person, we would never forget its message, or fail to live by it.

Then we remember that it isn't possible for us to have any of those experiences—that we must live and "walk by faith," and that we are blessed for doing it.

We recall that we are asked to do many things to show our devotion and appreciation for the Gospel. If we fail to do them, perhaps it is not consistent to think that we would have done much differently if we had lived in the time of Christ.

For example, we feel that if we had been invited to dine with Him or to attend a meeting at which He was present, we would surely have gone. Yet oftentimes, many of us fail to attend the Sacrament Meeting which he has asked us to at-

tend and where we partake of the bread and water in REMEMBRANCE OF HIM.

The records show that on the average less than twenty-five per cent of the Church membership attends Sacrament meeting, which according to revelation is the most important meeting in the world for us to attend. Without turning the pages back two thousand years, we can do something about this condition, if we ourselves, go regularly each Sunday, and take our friends.

Some of the reasons for going to Sacrament Meeting are as follows:

1. We are commanded to. D & C 59:9-13.
2. We will be instructed and edified.
3. We will be inspired to live our best.
4. We will be in good company.
5. We will not be somewhere we shouldn't be.
6. We will be exemplary to our families.
7. We will be strengthening our Church.
8. We will build our testimony.
9. We will increase our faith.
10. We will be blessed.

Mission Ward News

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awarded certificates in September: Iving Y. Bigelow, Winona, Butcher, Richard Duane, Ruth Herdman, Alyce Lawrence, Eleanor Laws and Frances Pecheco. The graduates of these classes are used on the teaching staffs of all the departments of the ward.

Grant Pace and his family have returned to Mission Ward until the first of the year when they move to Merced. He is teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class.

Dewey C. White and family are moving to Lafayette. They have served well and have a warm place in the hearts of all of us.

Releases and appointments for Sunday School workers are as follows: Joan Deal and Jennie White as secretaries from Sunday School. Appointed, Norman Lefler and Marilyn Parker with Claudia Chester for junior Sunday School. Released: Jane Baker as teacher. Jane is marrying and moving to Nevada. New additions to the teaching staff are Ruth Herdman, Winona Butcher and Mabel Jones. Mabel Liddell has been appointed a librarian and Helen Whatcott an organist.

MIA: The entire ward was invited to a Sadie Hawkins dance in the yard auditorium Friday, September 19. Vegetable corsages were made and worn by all the girls attending and all were dressed in character. All the comic strip personalities were represented.

The two Beehive groups, the Guardians and Gatherers, entertained their mothers at a round-table discussion Tuesday evening, September 9. Refreshments were served.

The Scouts put on the Theme program the same evening and later went swimming at Crystal Springs with their Scout Master, Louis Celentano.

Released as secretary of MIA is Lucas Politis; James Johnson has been appointed to take his place. Released, Hartley Lundgreen as activity counselor; Dick Duane appointed.

Relief Society: A complete reorganization of Relief Society has been made in Mission Ward. Pres. Mabel Liddell and counselors Mabel Jones and Esther Cammermer and Secretary Ida Bigelow

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

Balboa Ward: Brother and Sister Wilford Murray visited their son, Charles L. Murray, stationed at Indian Springs, Nevada, in the Medical Division of the Air Force . . . Dolores Kohler and family were to have arrived at Adak, Alaska about September 6. . . A warm welcome to the Albert Buckley family who will soon join our Ward. Brother Buckley has been a guest of the Simisters, as has Miss Mabel Cottam, of Sunderland, England. . . A recent visitor to our Ward was Christina Gillis, a past president of the YWMA . . . A party honoring newlyweds Jean and Douglas Gordon was given by their Sunday School co-workers Monday evening, Sept. 8 after Faculty meeting. Rena Jenkins was in charge of arrangements, with help from Lois Smith and Betty Dean. The Sunday School's gift to Jean and Doug was a lovely bedspread . . . A wedding reception was held in the Stake House Sept. 12 for Beverly Thomas and Ray Williams . . . Out-going YWMA President Claire Dickson was honored after Mutual, Sept. 17, by a party given in her behalf. She was presented with a lovely gift.

Rodeo: Malda Walker and her family spent their vacation in the northern part of the state at Burney Springs.

Florence and Frank Kearn are on vacation in northern California and Oregon.

Frances McKay, former Rodeo Branch member, is here visiting her daughters Betty and Marion.

Dimond Ward: Bishop Herbert Van Noy and wife had as their guests the Jared Lewises of Nyssa, Oregon and the Melvin Van Noy of Twin Falls, Idaho; also Mrs. Leora Werley from Mesa Arizona; a sister of Neita's.

Melva and Austin Rainey have had as guests recently, Joseph Culter, Elders William and Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Broadstone, and Mr. and Mrs.

Verlan Gunnell and daughter, Dixie Lee.

Mrs. Lucinda Call Perkins, mother of Anson and Wilson Perkins, has been spending her vacation with her sons and families.

Karla Matney of Whittier, California, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dee Kent Matney, has been a vacation visitor here.

The Clyde Russells of the bisopric report a wonderful weekend at Lake Tahoe and another one of Kings Canyon and the Sequoia National Parks.

Walter Hall and family are home again from their Tahoe home. Sister Hall will be teaching again this winter at the Oakland schools. Walter will be back with his sports and his high school coaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Tueller are home from their summer vacation with both their families. Carol will teach in the E. Morris Cox School in Oakland this winter.

Roselle Jenkel, Vaneta Ruegg, and Gene Daniels had a nice holiday touring Utah, Nevada and California. They also took along another sister Phyllis, from Provo who has been ill.

Ray and Bertha Daniels have had home with them recently sons Roland and Howard both in the air corps, and Miss Ruth Birth, a convert that Howard met in Germany while on his mission.

Claremont Ward: Brother and Sister Paul Ricks spent a delightful two weeks visiting such points of interest as Grand Canyon, Oregon, Utah and Idaho.

Margene Scofield has been in Rupert, Idaho for three weeks visiting family and friends and no doubt showing off the new Scofield addition, Marvin.

Janice and Howard Carlisle vacationed in Logan, Utah for two weeks.

Berkeley 2nd: Priel and Bishop Green have returned from a

SOCIETY

Pleasant Hill.—One of the younger members of our ward, little Larry Pierce, son of Howard and Beth Pierce of Gregory Gardens, celebrated his fifth birthday this month. Sharing his birthday happiness and "Animal Cracker Cake" with five candles were 12 of his young friends.

Pleasant Hill.—Patricia Lynn Friedrich, daughter of Reuben and Dora Friedrich, was hostess to 15 of her friends at a party given at the Pleasant Valley Drive home of her parents.

Patricia was just 7 and in spite of the fact that she had just lost a top front tooth, had a wonderful time with her friends.

Births

Pleasant Hill.—A wee baby girl with lots of curls is the new addition to the beloved family of our Bishop and his wife, Joseph Roy and Wanda Hilton.

Weighing only 5½ pounds when she made her debut on August 31 at Oakland's Permanente Hospital, little Barbara Hilton was welcomed home by her two brothers and two sisters.

Claremont Ward: Brother and Sister William Kumero are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born to Duane and Jean Naegle July 27.

Berkeley 2nd: Thomas William Cain born Aug. 31, weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. Proud parents are Lucille and Bill Cain.

Former members Ila and Vernon Cook, now of Salt Lake have a little girl after three boys. Emmy Lou and Burt Ludlow have their fourth son Allen, born September 15th, in Modesto. Hazel and Karlton Driggs report a third son born down in San Fernando Valley.

Santa Rosa: Petite Maryann arrived recently to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Magowan.

A bouncing baby boy delighted the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lund.

Vallejo First: Mr. and Mrs. Grant Stafford are the proud parents of a baby son, Donald Grant. Their oldest son, Spencer J., and his wife also have a new son, Dennis Edward. The babies were blessed at a recent fast day service.

Proud great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dusenberry, when their great grand-daughter was given the name of Joan Marie Kuhn by Mr. Dusenberry.

lovely trip by way of Salt Lake City, Pocastello, Boise, the Colum-

... WEDDING BELLS ...

Mission Ward: Barbara Eleanor Laws, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laws, and Paul Navarro of this city were married Sept. 16. They left on a honeymoon to Yosemite, later going to Klamath, Ore. to visit the brides brother James. Upon their return a neighborhood shower was given by Mrs. Dorothy Hughes on Sept. 26.

Helen Frances Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, left Friday, Sept. 5th, via TWA for Norfolk, Virginia. She was met by her fiancé, Harvey V. Rogers of the U. S. Navy. They were married Sept. 10th. The groom is from Blackfoot, Idaho. For the time being they will make their home in Norfolk.

Edith Jane Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Baker, was married to Norman Terry Shurtliff, Sept. 24th at St. George Temple. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shurtliff of Overton, Nevada where they will make their home. Open house will be held at Overton on Oct. 10, honoring the young couple and a reception will be given in Mission Ward on the 17th of October. A short program, showing of films and dancing will be included in the evening entertainment. The groom has served a mission for the Church in So. California.

BALBOA WARD: Three lovely girls recently engaged, and whose

at September 7, service.

Rodeo Branch: Florence and Wesley Pryor have a baby daughter, Susan Lorie. She is the fourth little girl born to Branch members this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Eskridge are rejoicing over the arrival of young Chris Wayne, born July 20.

A son, Samuel Craig, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Doxey on September 6.

Castro Valley: Bro. and Sister Marwin Noble welcomed a baby boy. The Nobles have two daughters.

Martinez Ward: Baby boy born to Steve and Mildred Abbott.

Maxwell Park: Dick and Betty Allphin of Salt Lake City, formerly of Maxwell Park, send word that our Don and Pearl Allphin now have another grand-daughter, Ann Marie.

Pittsburg: Bro. and Sis. Don Carroll of Pittsburg announce the arrival of a daughter, their first child, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., born September 10, 1952, named Susan.

marriages will take place in the Salt Lake Temple: Dorothy Simister to Keith Griffiths, just home from Korea. (Keith's father is a former Bishop of Sunset Ward). November 20 is the wedding date, the birthday of Dorothy's father; Joanne Brecken to Terry Anderson, lately of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Theirs will be a February wedding; and Dorothy Ann Wagner to Vernon H. Frehner of Logandale, Nev. Vern has returned from Germany and is now out of the Army . . . Salt Lake Temple marriages: Jean Brecken and Douglas Gordon, August 29; and Beverly Thomas and Ray Williams, Sept. 3 . . . Bonnie Hudson became the bride of Robert C. Holtzer, August 9. A shower was held for Bonnie at the home of Claire Dickson, Sept. 16. Also married August 9: David C. Wilson and Odessa, Hobbs.

ALAMEDA WARD. Joyce Hughes walked down the aisle of the Little Chapel of the Flowers, September 27, and became the bride of Ernest Geddes. Immediately following the ceremony they met their friends at a reception in the Alameda chapel reception hall. Joyce is the daughter of the Don Hughes of Alameda.

In the Salt Lake Temple, September 15, Lorine Brake and Ernie Conrad became man and wife. They were honored at a reception September 20 in the Alameda chapel. They plan to reside in Alameda.

Alameda: Loraine Brake and Ernest Conrad were married in the Salt Lake City temple on September 15. Reception was in the Alameda recreation hall September 20.

Martinez Ward. September 10 Robert VomDorf and Marilyn Ann Larsen of Salt Lake City were married in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception was held in that city following the wedding, and in Martinez September 17. They were again feted by their many friends at a reception in the Martinez chapel.

San Leandro: Marilyn "Chris" Webster, daughter of the John H. Websters married to Lt. John A. Mauvais, son of the Zeno Mauvais of San Leandro on July 26.

Joyce LuDean Shepherd, daughter of the Estus M. Packers, was married to Sterling Yeaman, son of the Horace Yeamans of San Leandro on September 8. Sterling and Joyce have purchased a home in San Leandro.

Schools and Colleges

Dimond Ward.—Bud Call, physical education director at the Oakland YMCA summer camp, hopes to attend San Francisco State this winter.

The Marriner Swensons are at home after having a fine vacation. Merlin will attend the University of California, Wright the BYU.

Joe Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Allen, was going to the BYU again this year but the draft board had other plans for Joe.

Rodeo Ward.—Our Branch President's daughter, Dorothy Wanlass, has gone to BYU to begin her college education. She has been very active in Branch affairs and we shall miss her.

Norma Baxendale has completed a course in Nursing at Merritt Hospital. She is continuing her work there at present.

Bill Jackson, son of Bishop Jackson, is attending the BYU this season.



Joan Barker

Joan Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barker of 1433 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord, left recently for Ithaca, New York, where she has accepted a teaching position at Cornell University on the staff of the College of Home Economics.

Joan was graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in Concord as valedictorian of her class. Receiving a scholarship, she attended the University of California at Berkeley for two years, and finished at Utah State College in Logan, Utah.

She returned to the University of California for a Master of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition, holding graduate fellowships, as well as a teaching assistantship. She has been elected to numerous honor societies.

While in Berkeley, Joan contributed much to her church to which she is deeply devoted, having served as girl's president of the Institute of Religion, and on many programs requiring musical talent.

Elsie Brown. Alma Deane Sellers, Nola Sullivan, Thelma Gouvanini, Diana Malmstrom and Maxine Wilson.

Alameda Ward: Joyce Hughes was feted at a bridal shower September 10 at the home of Gladys Clayton.

Maxwell Park: A lovely evening was spent at the home of Florence Gragun where Margie Hawkins was honoree at a Stork shower.

San Leandro:—A baby shower was given at the home of Donna Nelson in honor of Gloria Bosick. Twenty-five ladies attended.

OBITUARY

Pleasant Hill.—All the members of the Pleasant Hill Ward were deeply grieved to hear that 1st Lt. Melvin Gale Roskelley, 25, was killed in action in Korea on September 6.

Besides his widow, Ruth, Lt. Roskelley, is survived by three children, Patricia, 5, Douglas, 3, and June, 2.

Also surviving are his parents, Gilbert and Wanda Roskelley, Concord, and two brothers and two sisters.

Lt. Roskelley was killed while his company, Company A of the 27th Infantry, 25th Division, was under enemy attack near "Heartbreak Hill" in Korea.

He was called back to duty in July, 1952, and went to Korea early this year. He served 33 months during World War II, when he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Infantry when but 19 years old.

SHOWERS

PLEASANT HILLS

Dorothy Matthews was the recipient of many beautiful gifts at two "Pink and Blue" showers this past month: One September 15 at the Gregory Gardens home of Betty Evans; another at a recent Berkeley MIA Stake Board meeting at Dorothy's own home. Dorothy and Ruth Wescott of Berkeley were both guests of honor at a delightful party. Present were: Lea Swenson, Maxine Pickett, Valentine Dahlin, Irene Ranker, Marian Elsworth, Neida Young.

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PLEASANT HILL NEWS
Tomatoes; Walnuts
Claremont Ward

By DORA FRIEDRICH
BISHOP'S MESSAGE: The big project we are all looking forward to is the building of our chapel. While awaiting plans and approval to start this great project, let's give our support to three projects now on hand:

1. Claremont Chapel — Every third Saturday we are to furnish a crew of at least ten men to assist in building the Claremont Chapel. We have fallen short the last two times. Volunteer your services on the next work day, October 4.

Tomato Harvesting—Tomatoes are currently being picked from our chapel site garden. Some will be available at 2 1/2 cents per pound. Come and help pick.

2. Walnut Harvesting—This big crop will supply a good part of our welfare budget. Harvesting should be started by October 4, and will continue for about three Saturdays. Every body, old and young is needed in this harvest each week end.

The work is always lots of fun and participation by all will prevent overburdening a few.

Can we count on you?—Joseph Ray Hilton, bishop.

The organization of our Relief Society makes us indeed proud of those ladies who have been chosen: Lela E. Kaufman and Margaret Krey, counselors. Evelyn Shea, secretary-treasurer; Eilan Swayze, acting chorister; Metta Nielsen, organist; Marilyn Smith, magazine representative; Maurine Perona, visiting teacher's message; Theology leader, Virginia Macey; Work Leader, Willette Mickleberry, the Social Science leader still remains to be chosen.

A luncheon to be held Thursday, October 2, for members will start the R. S. activities for the season; planned also is a Bazaar on December 5 in conjunction with the Walnut Creek Ward.

Our new chapel always in mind, members of the ward furnished all sorts of home-made goodies in response to a request by the ward finance committee for the Sept. 13 cake sale.

Several young thespians, all members of MIA and acting under the direction of Alta Shurtliff, presented the successful one-act comedy, "The Gossip," by Betty Knappe, to three different audiences, two here and one in Berkeley.

Don Clark, a U. S. Air Force Major and a Walnut Creek resident, heads the Young Men's, and Ione Buskirk the Young Women's groups.

Wendell Jackson, our Sunday School superintendent, states that a Teacher Training Course is now being conducted in conjunction with the Sunday School faculty meetings.

Martinez Ward

Thanks The Roricks;
And Al Leavitt

By ALVA MAE FORSYTH.
Bishop's Message: The bishopric thanks our canning supervisors, Bro. and Sis. Ancil Rorick and Al Leavitt, for an outstanding job well done. They also helped other wards and groups.

We also thank all who have taken part in our canning groups, and thus contributed to the good results. We are getting food on our shelves as advised; we are growing spiritually thru this activity, and we are learning to work together.

In September several ward members did temple work. For some this was their first visit to temples. These have expressed the thought that their understanding of the Gospel is greatly increased by Temple work.

Among these were Bro. and Sis. Stephen Frease, who along with their son John, were sealed a family unit. At the same time all the deceased members of Bro. Frease's father's family were sealed together, a thing made possible by much research.

Rodeo Branch

Primary At Rodeo
And El Sobrante

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Our Branch Rummage Sale, directed by Phil Lewis and with Anna Ellsworth. The sales ran from Sept. 20 to 27. It was a great success in many ways.

The YMMIA has a new counselor, Eldwin Lane. Dayton Smith, now fills the office of secretary in the organization.

Our Primary has had to be divided because of the transportation problem. The Rodeo group will meet on Tuesdays and those in El Sobrante will have their meeting on Thursdays. The pres-

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Pittsburg Ward News

Rex Schofield Given
Bronze Star, Bravery

By THORA ASTLE.

Rex Schofield, former member of Pittsburg Ward, now of Brentwood, recently received the Bronze Star for gallantry in action in Korea, for his bravery in carrying to safety, under fire, a comrade who had been wounded in action. Rex is now married to a charming girl he met while on his mission.

Welcome to our ward, Bob Anderson, mathematics and history teacher at Pittsburg High School, and also teaching Evening School.

A recent potluck dinner, sponsored by the Sunday School for the building fund, featured the George Eastwood Troupe, a very famous group originally organized by a member of our Church, George Eastwood, for the purpose of helping the young people of Pittsburg. Edna Parre now is mistress of ceremonies. The group is entirely civic in nature, being composed of non-Mormon boys and girls, and has many talented youngsters.

Concord Ward

Rummage Sale Oct 3;
New Scout Troop 168

By ELLEN R. COOK.

The Relief Society held its last summer meeting this month at the home of Jean Paquette where hand work was done for the coming bazaar. An opening party was held at the Recreation Center September 30 at 8 p.m. It was an open meeting for all the women of the ward.

The first rummage sale is planned for October 3 and 4 at the Old Post Office Building. This is an opportunity to put some of our outgrown clothing, white elephants and "what have you" to work for material benefit of the ward.

October 9, Thursday morning at 10 a.m. will see the beginning of regular lesson work. These meetings will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building on Willow Pass Road.

Yearly promotion day was exciting for the Primary boys and girls.

The Primary is happy to have Norma Fackrell and Betty Maynard join their teaching organization.

Congratulations to Brother Wayne Walker on his advancement in the priesthood. Wayne, a recent convert, is an assistant in the Superintendency.

This month the new members are Brother and Sister Leon Westover and three children from Enterprise, Utah, and Sister Christy Kerns from Manti, Utah. Sister Kerns is a teacher of first grade at the Oak Grove School. Welcome.

This newly organized Scout Troop 168 is an interested and an active group. Under the direction of Scoutmaster Allan Peterson and Assistant Scoutmaster, Glen Hill, the boys are now planning for a camporette to be held at Upper Mitchell Park. Three boys are ready for advancement to tenderfoot Scouts: James Bennett, John Blood and Gary Maynard. The Relief Society is making neckerchiefs for the boys. An active program is under way to get the boys uniformed.

Bishop's Message
Harvest time is here. Pears and walnuts. Grapes and tomatoes. Salmon and striped bass.

We are fortunate to be so close

ent presidency will preside over both groups.

The Young Women's Mutual had an Award Party recently. It was enjoyed by the girls, their leaders and stake representatives.

Another recent outing was a trip to Lake Anza taken by Stake Junior Gleaners and Junior M. Men. Eleven of our young people were able to attend.

The pears assigned to our Branch for Welfare have been canned.

We welcome to our Branch Sister Children of Rollingwood who was confirmed this month.

Rodeo: Margaret Lott is recovering remarkably from surgery she recently underwent. We are happy to have her out to meetings again.

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Berkeley MIA News

Dr. Knight Heads
Stake Explorers
And Scouters

New committee appointments for the Berkeley Stake YMMIA stake board include Dr. Raymond L. Knight, chairman of the Stake Explorer and Boy Scout Committee.

A stake committee for Messenger publicity and for publication of the "Boardfax," MIA bulletin has George Herbert Macey, Age Group Assistant Superintendent, as chairman, with Roger F. Magleby, Stake Secretary; Floyd J. Pickett, Stake M Men Leader; and Maxine Pickett, Stake MIA Speech Director.

JUNIOR M MEN, GLEANERS
CLOSE SUMMER OUTINGS

Winding up a summer of glorious activity 21 Berkeley Stake Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners held its final outing at the J. Edward Johnson Ranch in Orinda last month.

The day was spent in horseback riding, hiking and swimming at Lake Anza and a welter roast, watermelon bust and a happy evening around the campfire at Indian Camp, Tilden Park.

Orval Ellsworth of Claremont Ward acted as MC at the campfire, where inspirational talks given by Regional Scout Commissioner Ray Balmforth and President W. Glenn Harmon; Joan Sabine of Berkeley Ward gave a reading.

Marlton Simons, stake dance director, supervised a square dance program to climax the evening.

Cheryl Johnson, Orval Ellsworth and Janet Hill were the committee in charge of planning the affair, supervised by Stake leaders. The stake leaders were ably assisted by Heber Ellsworth, Claremont Ward; Leonard L. Smith, Superintendent YMMIA, Rodeo Branch; and Donna Teeples, Junior Gleaner Leader, Richmond ward.

"Read Truth—Not Trash!" is the battle cry of the Mutual Improvement Association thru-out the Church as they prepare for the 1952-53 Improvement Era campaign, starting Sunday, October 12.

The keynote of the campaign is to "teach one another out of good books." The matter was emphasized by Presiding Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin at the MIA June conference when he called attention to the serious problems faced by our young people—and older ones too—with respect to the kind of reading material being circulated throughout America.

The Improvement Era is the official publication of the Priesthood and MIA of the Church.

Reading of the Era will improve the reading habits of the youth of the Church, it is stated by leaders of the Era drive.

In Berkeley stake only 593 families of Berkeley's 1800 subscribed to the Era last year, according to the stake's Era Directors, Lewis E. Roland and Lois Sconberg. They are pointedly asking if "your family was among the two-thirds of the stake's families who deprived themselves of the fine reading material in the Improvement Era?"

The campaign is on! Let every ward member pledge as a committee of one to help the Ward Era directors secure one hundred percent circulation of the Era in every ward in every stake of the Bay area.

to fresh fruits and vegetables and fresh fish.

The big steel strike this year showed us how we really need to heed the counsel of the general authorities of the Church to have a generous supply of food on hand at all times. And also to keep outstanding commitments for installment payments within a reasonable figure.

The amount of food a particular family needs in reserve depends on many factors. However, your Relief Society presidency stands ready to give you advice.

Your bishopric counsels you not to mortgage your future for expensive items to the point where it might cause a family strain to keep up the monthly payments in the event of strikes, work stoppages or illness. We advise you to play it safe.—Ira J. Markham.

Berkeley Stake Social and Activity

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October	Time
Sat. 4—Stake MIA Special Interest Party, Berkeley	8 p.m.
Mon. 6—MIA Basket Ball Season Starts.	
Sat. 11—Berkeley 2nd Ward Carnival, Berkeley Chapel	
Sun. 12—ERA WEEK BEGINS.	
Tues. 22—"MEET ME AT MUTUAL NIGHT"—all wards.	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 24—Genealogical Committee Dinner (Subject to further announcement)	
Sat. 25—M Men-Gleaner Council Elections High Priests' Party, Berkeley Recreation Hall.	
November	Time
Sat. 8—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Special Meeting on Social and Personal Adjustments	
Wed. 26—ANNUAL HARVEST BALL with Oakland Stake Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland	9 p.m.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

October	Time
3-5, Fri., Sat., Sun.—GENERAL CONFERENCE, Salt Lake City	
Wed. 8—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 18—High Priest Quorum Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	7:00 p.m.
Berkeley Stake Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	8 p.m.
Mon. 20—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
Ward Conference Starts, E. Richmond Ward	
Wed. 22—MIA Ward Conference, Richmond Chapel	7:30 p.m.
Ward and Stake MIA officers and teachers meet at 7 p.m.	
November	Time
Sun. 2—Relief Society Ward Conference Meetings (All wards).	
Mon. 3—Berkeley First Ward Conference Starts	
Tues. 4—Berkeley MIA Conference, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
(Ward and Stake Officers and teachers meet at 7 p.m.)	
Wed. 5—Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.

Berkeley First Ward News

Era Week Oct. 12-19;
Bud Stone Home

By MARGUERET FIFE.

The combined Berkeley First and Second Wards MIA have enjoyed a one-act play, "The Gossip," presented by Walnut Creek Ward; an outstanding fashion show arranged by Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men; and the Scout Court of Honor. An interesting schedule of entertainment for the entire year is assured.

Deilton G. Bramwell will handle the basketball program.

Era Directors LeRoy B. Gardner and Dilworth D. Jensen announce week of October 12 as Era Week. Members are urged to renew their subscriptions, or to become acquainted with this fine Church magazine.

An entertaining program and social marked the opening Relief Society meeting. Changes in the officers include: welfare counselor, Mardell Hall; literary leader, Sarah Banning; work and business director, Violet Knight; social science leader, Thelma Merrill; and organist, Margaret Crowther.

The forthcoming rummage sale reminds all ward members to begin saving all clothing, furniture, costume jewelry, books and all miscellaneous items.

The Primary children have begun their fall and winter program. Parents are invited to send their youngsters on Wednesday at four o'clock.

A successful season of welfare and group canning is nearing completion. Apricots, pears, peaches

and apples. Plans include tomatoes and salmon.

Since receiving the Ph. D. at the University of California, Richard W. Hales has accepted a position at the Brigham Young University as assistant professor of nuclear physics. Dick and Mary and their two little girls will be missed in Berkeley, where Dick has served in the Sunday School Superintendency for several years.

WELCOME STRANGERS!

New arrivals in Berkeley are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham A. Hutchinson, Cheryl Gay Hutchinson, Deborah Lee Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, Jr., Jeffrey Wilson, Karen Wilson, David L. Mehr, Miriam L. Osmond, Ralph Waldo Osmond, Carolyn Osmond, Miriam Lee Osmond.

We are anxious to meet all these good folks and hope you will enjoy our Berkeley First Ward.

Elders "Bud" Stone and Paul Murdock phoned their parents Sept. 22 of their arrival that day in New York City from six weeks tour of Europe after their foreign missions.

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Claremont Ward

Scout Troop 18 Seen
In Defense Action

By JULIA BARRETT.

The Boy Scouts of Claremont's Troop 18 participated in the Command Post exercises of the California Regional Civic Defense Disaster Service. August 16 and 17 the Civil Defense held an exercise simulating activities of the Service under actual enemy attack on the bay area.

Scouts Chuck Carter, Walter Carter, LeRoy Brown, Jack Dunford, Steve Leighton, Dave Leighton, John Reiche, Assistant Scoutmaster Orval Ellsworth and Scoutmaster Whitney Dunford served as couriers for the disaster service for an eight-hour shift of the 24-hour exercises.

Troop 18 and two other Berkeley troops served in the exercises and will perform the courier service in the event of an actual attack.

Troop 18 Boy Scouts of Claremont Ward enjoyed an overnight camping trip September 12 and 13 to Temescal Cove, south of Stinson Beach, Marin county. Under "Tut" Dunford they arrived by car at the Cove Friday morning and set up camp on the secluded beach. Then hiking, playing on the beach and Scout advancement, and sidetrip to Muir Woods on the way home.

The Relief Society reports that their rummage sale was a great success. According to President La Vern Bain, another sale before Christmas is on the Relief Society calendar.

The end is near! The first use of the new chapel was made September 26 for a potluck dinner, the proceeds going to the organ fund.

It was nice having La Priele Badouin and Mary Ellen Carr home for the summer. They're back at the "Y" now along with Enid Wood, who will be starting her first quarter.

The family of David W. and Nancy Bingham Rawson in a reunion August 16 at Albany Park and playground, came from Ida, Utah and Southern California. They learned of their English ancestors and of the pioneer and Mormon battalion experiences of David B. Rawson, father of David W. and of the lives of David and Nancy, the parents of eight children.

Five children are living and were at the reunion: La Vern G. Bain and Gertrude Lowry of Berkeley; Ward B. Lawson of Shoshone, Idaho, who is second counselor to President Benson of Blaine Stake; Walter B. Rawson of Venice, California; and Emma Webb, of Long Beach, who is a counselor to the Relief Society president there. Sixty in all were present. Mother Rawson was very proud and happy and stated that there are 32 great-grandchildren and 21 grandchildren, all fine men and women.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gleason have recently been set apart for stake missionary work.

Virginia and Art Wood went through the Salt Lake Temple and had their young son, Michael, sealed to them this summer.

The Relief Society Bazaar will be held in Claremont's new chapel on November 1.

Berkeley Second Ward

Boost Our Bazaar;
Build the Home

By ANNA LEE SPENCER.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Step right this way. Lend us your eyes and ears! Read all about that super-colossal event of the year, the Fourth Annual Bazaar and Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 11. Ned Clyde is chairman of the '52 Bazaar, with Cline Black and Rex Daniels helping.

For the children, both young and old, there will be a puppet show, fish pond and movies; all types of carnival games. Dinner will be served from 5 o'clock on—and if this doesn't fill you, one can buy a WHOLE pie or cake and eat it on the spot.

The Relief Society will have a White Elephant booth as well as the smartest gifts in town! Ivadell Erickson asks Relief Society ladies to leave suitable articles for White Elephant booth at her home, 556 Colusa Ave. One may also order Christmas cards, and holiday groceries on a unit scale.

Balloons of every color will be there, filled with helium gas. "Green-Thumpers" will gather round the Garden Shop booth potted and cut flowers.

Did we hear you say "I'll be there?" Don't forget ice cream, chewing gum and candy; Come, let's make that night a dandy!

Now that summer has passed, let's get down to work on THE HOUSE on Monday, Wednesday or Friday nights, and all day Saturdays. Sheathing and shingles must go on before the rains start. Your help is needed. Let's get the house built up; 'twill build oneself, too, from the pleasant association and fellowship.

Welcome two new deacons, Mervyn Rasmussen and Robert Baer; and Jerry Lewis, now a priest.

Grace and Arthur Hopkins and sons, Buddy, Tommy and Mark are flying about New Orleans, New York and returning by way of Detroit to see what a new car feels like. How lucky can one be? Sorry to learn that Donnie Dubinsky has virus pneumonia. Please hurry and get well.

Roxie Peterson has been in the St. Francis hospital recovering from an operation on her neck.

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Petaluma Branch News

Two New Counselors To Primary President

By NOLA BAKER.

What a busy, full month this has been. Children back to school, families returning from their vacations. The Branch Presidency is so happy to welcome everyone back from vacations and voices hopes for an even more satisfying fall than was the summer schedule.

Returning from an extensive tour of Europe, young Mark L. Lewis is home again with his family and friends for a short stay until he returns to college. What an interesting summer that young man has spent.

Dr. and Mrs. Handy are home from the High Sierras, the C. Elphicks from Idaho, the E. Baldwins, the C. Davenport and the Woods from Utah.

Sister Helen Myers is now in Utah putting her son, Bob, in the BYU. Dr. and Mrs. Brockbank are in New York and will return in a week.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis made a trip through Utah also this summer and the D. Bakers have returned from the summer in Washington, D. C.

During the summer Sisters Verne Baldwin and Marie Swanson were put in as first and second counselors to Pres. Nola Baker in the Primary. (And am I delighted to have them.)

I'm sure I speak for us all, it's so nice to be home. We will not soon forget our summer trips. An unknown author has said there are only two things we should ever forget, the good we have done others and the evil others have done us.

Fairfield Br. News

By MARVINE HILDEBRAND.

RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

The Relief Society officers and teachers gave President Vera Mitchell a party. She has accepted a stake assignment. It was a surprise party and Vera was really caught unawares.

Relief Society social was held Monday evening, September 29, at 8 o'clock at Waterman Park Community Center.

Mrs. Eva M. Hardy, son, Dale, his wife, Dora and their child, Joel, arrived Thursday, September 18 at the A. E. Hardy residence for a few days. The Hardys are from Pocatello, Idaho.

President's Message

We'd like to leave a thought given by Elder Le Grand Richards in the book, "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder." When we teach others the Gospel we should do a thorough job of it.

From the 10th Chapter of Luke we read:

"And whatsoever house ye enter first say, 'Peace be to this house.' And if the Son of Peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall turn to you again."

"And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give for the laborer is worthy of his hire—go not from house to house."

The Lord leaves the responsibility to His servants to remain there and deliver the "whole" message so it can stand as a witness "for or against" them; and hence the instruction: "Go not from house to house."

How often do we, when asked about the Gospel, fail to leave the whole message? If we explain only a few principles of the Gospel we have not delivered our message as a witness, any more than a man has built a home by only laying the foundation. How can a man judge as to the truthfulness of the Gospel before he has heard it?

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Vallejo First Ward

Welcome New R. S., Officers, Teachers

By LA RUE A. POWELL.

Reluctantly President Norma Taylor and her counselor Ruby Larsen were released as Relief Society leaders. Also released with a vote of thanks were Ilene McGuinn, Frances Henderson, Carol Barrus and Ruth Rose.

Congratulations to the new president, Florence Williams and her counselors, Twila Farrin and Ella Ingam, with Lois Bannister, secretary, and new teachers Jennie Dusenberry, Erna Zundell, Twilla Brown and Leora Zundell. Ella Roper is work director with Jane Hollander as magazine agent. Our bazaar comes December 5. Everyone please save their newspapers. They will be picked up at a date to be announced. An invitation is extended to all ladies to come October 7 to the open meeting. Erna Zundell will present the theology lesson.

Primary President Lola Tomlinson expresses appreciation for help in the summer program. Primary meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. New teachers include: Ella Meade, Doris Farnsworth, Barbara Smith and Carol Barrus, organist. A Halloween party for the children is planned for October 29.

Everyone is invited to MIA every Tuesday night at 7:30. Attend the Harvest Ball on October 17. A movie is scheduled for October 24, and a Halloween Carnival on October 28.

It is a pleasure that we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith back to Vallejo. Charles is at work again at Hamilton Field after 15 months in Sauda, Arabia.

We are happy to report that Teddy Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, is recovering in the San Francisco "Children's Hospital" from polio.

We extend our best wishes and a speedy recovery to Clista Knight who has been ill for some time.

Lynn Shurtliff attended his Boy Scout Camp at Buck's Lake recently. While there he was voted as the "Best Boy" in his patrol and also won the horseshoe championship.

Mr. Charles J. Neerings Sr., formerly of Salt Lake City, is now making his home with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neerings.

Fern Johnson, who makes her home with the Martin McGuinns was baptized at services in Santa Rosa. Heartly congratulations!

Darwin Urry and Carl Stevens were recently advanced in the Atonic Priesthood to be teachers; Simeon Cragun to be a priest; and Glen Lewman an elder.

SANTA ROSA WARD

Speak If Called Up; God Will Bless You

By IMOGENE ALLEN.

Bishop's Message: A certain missionary when first called to go on a mission didn't know whether to accept or not. He felt like Moses of old in that he was not a speaker. However, he did accept; and at a first street corner meeting spoke but a very few words, but they were spoken in humility. Those few spoken words were instrumental in converting a man who had been seeking the truth.

Though you feel inferior due to lack of preparation, do the best that you can when called to speak and the Lord will bless you. Bishops are inspired to call upon individuals to speak and when their call is accepted in sincerity and humility inward growth begins.—Cloyd R. Moss.

MIA: A colorful, carnival atmosphere brought a good crowd to the opening Mutual dance. Maude Briscoe and Bill Soderquist, activity counselors, combined a well planned program, appetizing refreshments and good music.

The Elders' Quorum entertained the ward members at a campfire party at Doyle Park recently. Games, singing and good food climaxed an evening of good fun.

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News Of Oakland Stake

Oakland Stake Missionary News

By MILDRED FONTANA.

The full-time missionaries are best being taken from our stakes because of an acute shortage. They are being placed in the smaller communities as Concord and Vallejo. No one replaces them in Oakland. Our local missionaries have a greater responsibility.

News of our foreign missionaries is always welcome. Both Sister Gloria Jacobs and Elder Authol Judd of the Elmhurst Ward are laboring in Corpus Christi, Texas; they meet each other occasionally. Gloria loves the Mexican people because they are truth seekers. Authol and his companion were tracting one day when a hail of stones came their way; they were called all sorts of unprintable names and warned to get out and never return—all by children who were incited by their parents. Authol says it's just part of the work.

From Trinidad, Uruguay, Gene Osmond of Elmhurst tells us that "three months ago they knew nothing about scouting here." But for the court of award coming up soon he has prepared all the boys for honors. He also works in MIA, Sunday School and serves as secretary for all organizations, since they are short of missionaries. Gene tells of one Boy Scout who died of tetanus. "I think I gave him the first bath of his life, his home was a pig sty and a junk yard. He had no mother and his stepmother had a mental disorder. But he was loyal to us when we had converted him. He was learning to read and write with our help and attended all our meetings."

Gene Muir in the far-off Samoa Islands is also from Elmhurst Ward. He reads "The Messenger" from cover to cover. Gene has charge of the Church school on the island and his companion manages the Church plantation. They paint, remodel, repair and have installed plumbing on the plantation. Elder Muir meets regularly with the native chiefs to form rules for the good of the villagers. He would like letters from his friends sent to him at P. O. Box 29, Apia, Upolu, Western Samoa.

Elder Robert DeVries of Elmhurst is in Amsterdam, Holland, his father's home town. Robert has enjoyed looking up places his father used to visit. He has found some relatives. Bob heads the district in points on the honor list. The Holland mission is short of missionaries there being 90 now where formerly were 150.

Dimond Ward

(Continued from page 2) and reporter for the 24th quorum of Seventies.

ILLNESS; ACCIDENTS

William Powell met with a serious accident recently; he fell from the roof of his house he is building in Orinda; a broken collar bone, a broken arm and three smashed fingers.

Dr. Evan Perkins, son of Anson and Hilda Perkins, was flown back from Travis air base to Letterman hospital suddenly with the ailment in his leg.

Don Van Noy made an impressive appearance on television recently on the Family Vespers hour, playing the part of Abel in a dramatic story from the Bible. He is stake president for the M-Men and Gleaner Council.

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Maxwell Park News

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Vivian Williams Home

By GERRY LARSEN.

We rejoiced as we heard Sidney Judson bare his testimony in Sacramento meeting. He and his lovely wife, Marilyn, have been home on furlough from the Air Force in Glendale, Arizona.

Prior to leaving for foreign lands with Uncle Sam's Air Force, Harley Sanders, and his older brother, Marvin, received the Aaronic Priesthood. They are grateful for the news from their home ward that gave them the inspiration to prepare themselves and to ask for ordination. Harley is now stationed in Greenland, just 100 miles from the North Pole. Marvin is assigned to duty here in the Bay area.

Gil Larsen recently was allowed to go behind the Iron Curtain in East Berlin with the Mission President Elder Klaus, where he talked to the youth of the Church. Gill is studying language at the University of Maryland in Wiesbaden.

Maxwell Park's own news letter to the servicemen is certainly doing a lot of good. Bob Fister writes saying he can hardly wait to get home so that he can play basketball with the ward team. Servicemen, wherever you are, if you read this, will you please let us hear more news of you. Write Bea Larsen, 3930 Augusta Vista Ave., Oakland.

Hazel Matheson has been released and Thora Bramwell sustained as Welfare counselor in our Relief Society.

Since Ardell Woods and family left to join Larry in Newfoundland Irene Harris has been called to fill the position of president of our Primary with Blanche Henderson and Lorraine Baird as counselors. Our gratitude to all, and best wishes to Ardell.

We hear that Don Allphin is expanding his business into the building next door and that a new front will be built with flagstone features. An expansion means more new stock. We will be anxious to visit the new store and at least look around and extend our congratulations.

Rosetta Thomas received her Silver Gleaner Pin at Sacramento services this week for her years of teaching, an inspiration to many young women of the Church.

Joy and Maude Briscoe report that Eddie is doing well on his mission.

We extend our love to the folks of the ward who are ill and pray that all will soon be with us again.

The Bishop now sends out an appeal to the membership to help raise and collect merchandise to value \$600, for the Stake Welfare Carnival. Please let him know if you have articles new or old that can be used for resale or prizes. Gilbert and Sullivan have become famous people in our ward as we busily prepare for the showing of "H.M.S. Pinafore." With the help of folks from all

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ELMHURST WARD NEWS

Almost Like A

New Chapel

By JOANNE PARTINGTON
A new chapel? No, but by next spring after a good deal of fun and labor our chapel will have "a new lease on life." The month of Sept. has seen the beginning of four major projects; (1) painting the outside of the building, (2) a new roof for the chapel and genealogy room, (3) paint on the inside of the chapel, and (4) a brick retaining wall in the front and a patio on the left side for dances, barbeque, etc. Many thanks to those who have, given and will give their time.

Welcome new members! — Clarelle Richardson, who has become our MIA's speech director; Everett "Skip" Hagerty.

Kaaren Viertel, Carol Ann Smith and Sister Grace Kealoha-paule were baptized last month. Timmy Hartman was blessed on the same day.

MIA has started, and with a bang! Sept. 16 three things held interest during the MIA opening exercises the Jr. Gleaners modeling some of the clothes they made; a panel discussion on attendance awards by the Beehive, MIA Maid and Jr. Gleaner girls; and two Jr. Gleaners, Dana Brush and Caryl Jacobs receiving the 17 month perfect attendance award which include S. S., Sacramento Service and MIA.

On that same evening before the Special Interest class, Sgt. Keith Brown of the Oakland Police, a LDS, spoke on juvenile problems.

With the opening of school, Primary has changed its time to 4 p.m. All children from 4-12 years are especially welcomed.

Castro Valley News

Badminton Court

Ping Pong, Volleyball

By B. MAYNES.

Bishop's Message: The fall and winter program is moving into high gear with the accent on improving the recreational facilities in our ward with the installation of a badminton court, ping pong table, shuffle board and volleyball court. Sounds fun, doesn't it? Well, come out to your ward activities and share the enjoyment with other Latter-day Saints.

Come and see how worthwhile it is to spend your time at Mutual. Bishop W. T. Webb has been sustained as Special Interest teacher—the course of study being "Jesus the Christ" by Talmage. Our girls have won the trophy for "best attendance" during the past three months. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

Sunday evening, September 7, was "family night" when the Primary presented an excellent program with several youngsters taking part and doing excellently. Sisters Norene McClellan and Afton Pfister have been released as teachers, and Vadas Thompson sustained. Forty more "Children's Friend" subscriptions are needed to meet our ward's quota for the year. Please subscribe for your's.

The opening Relief Society meeting was held October 1, at 1 p.m., with a short program to outline the coming year's events. The Parcel Post Sale, October 26, promises to be a night of fun for all. Very nice prizes go to the adult and the child bringing in the most parcels, and a prize for the parcel from the greatest distance. The program will be outstanding.

The Sunday School soon presents "Family Fun Night" — a night where the whole family will be entertained with amusement booths, games, cartoons for the children. Proceeds will go to our building fund. Bro. Marvin Noble

Mission Ward News

(Continued from page four)

have been released with a vote of thanks; replacing them are President Mary Chester and counselors Jacqueline Clements and Ada Harper, and Secretary Erna Neil.

An opening party was given September 30; luncheon and program. The out-going officers were honored.

Eleanor Laws has been released as work and business leader; Winifred Challis is to take her place. Winona Butcher has been appointed activity supervisor.

Primary: The Seagull and Blue Bird classes are planning a Lark welcome. Jean Sidwell has been released as counselor to Eleanor Laws. Macel Jones and Sister Mocking are to work as teachers in Primary. Promoters were made in August so the new lessons have started. Primary is promptly at 4 on Wednesday.

Baptisms and Confirmations—Celia Lucile Johnson, Jacqueline Broughton, James Robert Logan, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Neil, and Mrs. Etienne Emberton Schier, who for some time now has been Genealogical instructor.

Don Allphin, Jeweler

In New, Larger Store

The many friends of Don Allphin are rejoicing with him in his shiny new and three-fold larger jewelry store out on 5832 Foothill. Seen are new fixtures, a new front of flagstone and a new sign.

The larger store is next door to the old business stand. The increase in size allows Don to serve the public with added lines such as appliances and luggage, besides a greatly enlarged jewelry display.

The new Don Allphin Jewelry Store will stage a grand formal opening to the public and his many particular friends on Thursday, October 2. The address again is 5832 Foothill.

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San Leandro Ward

Father-Sons Eat, Sleep, Play and Sing

By SHERLINE WEBSTER

The fathers and sons outing held on September 6 at Marsh Creek proved to be a great event for all the lads and dads.

The Elders Quorum on September 13, gave a steak barbecue in the spacious gardens of the Myron Christensen home on Diehl Avenue. That beautiful outdoor living facilities that Myron has developed, together with the balmy evening and delicious steaks were enjoyed by all. Among the honored guests were Glen and Lucille Shaw, he of the Oakland stake presidency.

Members of the choir, on Sunday night, September 14, celebrated their first performance of the winter season with a lovely buffet supper at the home of Bishop Gifford and Verna Jackson. Verna is the talented and inspired leader of the choir.

Dinner and games were enjoyed by the outgoing and the newly appointed officers and teachers of the MIA Friday evening, September 19, in the amusement hall of the chapel.

Word conference was held in San Leandro Ward on Sunday Sept. 21st, with Presidents Delbert Wright and Glen Shaw in attendance. President Wright admonished the Latter-day Saints to live up to the standards of our Church regardless of persuasion from worldly influence, to recognize the fact that our standards are different, not to compromise, to be honest with ourselves as well as others, and to be diligent in paying our tithes. All auxiliaries are planning great things for the coming winter.

BYU Enrollment Increased By 1000

Members of the Church in general are interested in the BYU because it is a Church institution for the youth. More directly many families in the Bay Area have sons and daughters and friends attending the Provo university.

The freshman class registered the week of September 8, in numbers exceeding any other freshman class to begin at the BYU by approximately 1000 young men and women, coming from 39 states and 13 foreign countries. The rest of the students will have registered by the time this appears in the Messenger, giving a projected total enrollment of about 6200. The new ROTC program will cause many to return this year, the 48 per cent of the schools enrollment is made up of women.

Fortunately the BYU administration wisely anticipated this large increase in the University's enrollment and saw to it that some 900 new housing accommodations had been made available.

Every Brigham Young University freshman coed has a Big Sister who has been corresponding with her during the summer and giving cheer and counsel, and who will be on hand to welcome her at the time of her arrival at the "Y." The big sister will also continue to her friend during the school year.

Liahona Doings

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and the related subject of mass transportation.

A sharp drop in the foot traffic in lower Oakland's business district has posed a serious problem, suggesting off-street parking financed by city self-liquidating bonds, the speaker said.

Phil Lewis, prominent insurance and realty dealer of Richmond, received the Liahona pin and was welcomed into the club by vice-president D. C. Ronald Smith.

Just Between Us

MESSENGER REPORTERS

When tempted to describe some event, program, or condition as "fine," restrain yourself as far as possible and try to describe it in other terms. Maybe "instructive," "successful," "excellent," or even "thrilling" may come closer to the mark. And then, don't you think the word "fine" is overdone, anyway?

• Ditto above paragraph for the word "job." To say that so-and-so did a "wonderful job" as president of the MIA, for instance, reads a little coarse, it seems to some. It may pass currency in conversational English, but hardly in print. The men may do a real "job" in building the ward chapel, but perhaps it's better to write that one did excellent work as a Sunday School teacher.

• Please put in the by-line just below the name of the ward. For instance, "Hayward Ward By Ann Livingston." Those last three words are named the by-line. You won't forget this, will you?

• Please leave the upper two inches on the first page blank. If you would like to put in two lines of headings as you may see we have been doing in this issue at the top of each ward's news, please do so. That will ease the pressure on the editor's time.

• Please note on page five that under the headings "Goings and Comings" we place the names of the respective wards in bold face. It will help if you will do this on your copy. And of course the same goes for the other main heads, "Wedding Bells," etc.

• Potluck is one word in my dictionary and is not capitalized.

• If you wish to see the Messenger come out on the first of the month, then please observe the deadline strictly, especially you.

San Francisco Ward News

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dent and Sister Barton Sunday, September 21.

SOCIETY
During the month of September President and Sister Barton were hosts to many members of their family: son Joe, up from Los Angeles for a few days' stay; son, Jim, from Salt Lake City to confer with Dr. Einstein of University of California on the problem of sedimentation of the Missouri River. Immediately afterwards the Bartons' daughter, Sally, with her husband, Bradford Prince, and their two sons and a daughter came from Santa Fe, New Mexico. After they left the Bartons entertained the president's brother, Robert C. Barton, his wife and son, from Reno, Nevada. Bill Beesley and Cal Ashton of Salt Lake City also spent a few days with the Bartons late in September.

Off to the Hawaiian Islands on the Lurline September 6 was Sister Charlotte Spencer for about six weeks' visit as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. La Prele Young. From Honolulu news comes of a baby daughter in the Jay A. Quealy family.

Early in September the Wesley T. Benson family drove to the Moapa valley in Nevada to attend two reunions of Nell Marie's people. On September 5 the 17 living children of Joseph Ira Earl with their offspring met to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. All of the 100 descendants took part in the festivities.

The following night the extensive Bunker family met for their annual reunion. The Bensons spent two weeks visiting with friends and relatives.

Bill Stoddard entered his Quarter Horse yearling Stallion in the horse show at Quincy, California, in August where it won a ribbon. Later this horse will enter a show at the Cow Palace. The Stoddards were guests of Dorothy and Ralph Gill. Dorothy has since come to San Francisco to spend a vacation with her sister, Louise, who is entertaining also two friends of long standing, Mrs. Robert L. Newlin of Hollywood, and Mrs. M. M. Dunn of Santa Rosa.

AN INTERESTING WOMAN
A young woman who has made an interesting place for herself in San Francisco is Lillian Larsen Collett (Mrs. Leon Collett). When her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holger M. Larsen were called to reside over the Danish Mission, Lillian then just 16 years old, was the youngest lady missionary ever called to serve in an European Mission.

During the five years she spent abroad she took time to study singing with an outstanding teacher. Several years ago Lillian's children, Leona and Leonard (now 12 and 10 years old), were studying musical instruments. Since there was no orchestra available which they might join, Lillian, with characteristic directness, went to San Francisco Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Glushko, who gave her the responsibility of organizing a city orchestral program for school children. The results of her work are the fine concerts given by a children's orchestra the last two springs. Directed by the noted Kirt Herbert Adler, 176 elementary school children played in the most recent concert.

About a year ago Lillian was appointed music chairman of the Second District PTA. (The San Francisco area). She will continue her work with children's orchestras, planning first for an orchestra in each school, these to be grouped into district orchestras for larger affairs. The climax each year will be when all of the children join for a concert under a guest conductor. Lillian's outstanding work was recognized recently when she received an invitation to serve as a member of the San Francisco Symphony Committee.

Ship Brooklyn Pioneer Became First Leader and Settler in Alameda County

By ANNALEONE PATTON.

Editor's note: It is most interesting to LDS today to read this early history of Irvington, because in 1952 again LDS are back in Irvington and surrounding communities. On March 9, 1952 at the IOOF Hall in Irvington the Centerville Branch of the Church was organized and will meet for regular services.

John M. Horner and Elizabeth Imlay both of New Jersey were married just a few days before the ship Brooklyn sailed out of New York harbor. Their honeymoon was six months long and extended from 18,000 to 24,000 miles. Mrs. Horner is often referred to as "The Bride of the Brooklyn". Horner was by aptitude and training a farmer. He loved the soil. Therefore, he and his bride rode horseback around San Francisco Bay to Marsh's Landing (now Antioch, Contra Costa County) so that Horner might begin share cropping for Dr. John Marsh of early California fame. However, the vivid memory of the smooth valley and melons, and vegetables grown near Mission San Jose haunted Horner so he and his young wife soon saddled their horses and rode back to what would some day become Irvington, Alameda County. They leased, and later bought some land from an Indian where Horner built a little house, planted grain, potatoes, and vegetables. Unfortunately great herds of roving cattle soon ate the crops. When the rains came, however, Horner fenced a plot and planted another crop. Then the insect pests destroyed it. The Horners felt discouraged.

In the early summer of 1848 they went to Mormon Island on the American River above Sacramento. There each Mormon received an equal-sized plot of ground on which to dig gold. Again misfortune overwhelmed them. The Horners struck no gold but both contracted fever. In the midst of their affliction they longed to get back to land that would produce food. Horner loved the soil more than ever. He knew gold diggers would need and pay for food.

They returned to their little house on Mission Creek which Horner supposed he had purchased from the rightful owner. However, the conflict in land laws and litigation, which was not settled until 1866, made it necessary for him to pay for this land no less than five times before he secured a valid title to the land.

From his small beginnings at farming Horner prospered until in a relatively short time he became one of the richest farmers in California. His onions, at one dollar a pound, cabbage at one dollar per head, his potatoes, melons and vegetables at proportionate prices saved the scurried miner's lives. He was industrious, never speculated, but accumulated his earnings. Horner also was an honest and a God-fearing man and a community builder.

He gave Alameda county its first American home, opened miles of public roads, still in use, built miles of fences, erected the first wheelwright shop, first blacksmith shop, equipped and operated the first stage line and owned the first steam boat to ply from the southern end of the Bay to the city of San Francisco. Furthermore Horner owned flour mills, gave the ground for a cemetery (now known as the lost grave yard). Of the eight towns that Horner started or helped to start in southern Alameda County many are today thriving cities.

I quote from Merrill's History of Alameda County, "John M. Horner pitched his tent not far from what would someday be known as Washington Corners (Irvington) and to him belongs the credit as the first American to settle in Washington Township." Also from the Historical Atlas by Thompson and West (1878), "John M. Horner was the first American to settle in Alameda County." This was in 1847. Washington township in what is today southern Alameda county was settled long before metropolitan Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, and other cities were thought of.

From the 1950 Edition of "History of Washington Township" I quote, "In 1846 there came to San Francisco the famous ship 'Brooklyn' with her Latter-day Saint passengers who formed the earliest permanent settlers of the State. Among them was John M. Horner and wife, Earl Marshall, wife and stepson, Simeon Stivers, and Origin Mowry. In 1847 John M. Horner and bride came to Washington Corners, now Centerville in southern Alameda County to live. At that time there was not another American resident between Mission San Jose and the Contra Costa line. There were not five men of the Anglo-Saxon race on this side of San Francisco Bay. His son William was born in 1848 and was the first white child born in the township.

In early times there was of course only the Mission (Catholic) Church, but after the Americans came the Latter-day Saints held services in the upper story of the adobe on the Naile place and soon afterwards in Horner's school house in Centerville." (page 16).

In 1850 John M. Horner built this building. Halley calls it a chapel, other historians call it a church, many call it a school house as it was used for that purpose for many many years. As was the case in all Mormon colonies the one building served all three purposes, church, school house, and social hall.

The Southern Pacific Depot in

Centerville now stands on the spot where this building was originally built. Quoting again from the history of Washington Township we learn, "Of all buildings of that romantic period the so-called 'Horner school house' is the most dramatic."

Horner was a religious man, in the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In this little school house he preached on Sunday afternoon to a congregation of thirty or forty people, mostly Latter-day Saints. He also held Mormon services at different ranches. We read of the first wedding service at Niles in 1852 being read by Elder Horner, and uniting Edna Stuart and Ray Stanley in marriage.

John M. Horner was not only wealthy, but kind and generous. On alternate Sunday mornings he gave the Methodist and Presbyterian the use of his building for their respective services. The first Presbyterian church to organize in the county was organized in this building by Reverend Brier, one of the "Jayhawkers" of Death Valley. The Presbyterians built their own little church nearby in 1868.

Horner's first school house in Centerville was moved to Irvington in 1862 to become the first public school there. Elder Harvey Green was also the first teacher. It served as a school house until 1873. It was then torn down and the material used by W. W. Hirsch. Later Horner moved to Union City near present Alvarado, Alameda county, which he also formed. Here he held Sunday services in a building called the "Brooklyn House" named in honor of the ship Brooklyn.

While John Horner was very wealthy, he trusted people overmuch. He signed notes for many people and when the terrible panic of 1855-56 struck with devastating suddenness Horner was left ill and penniless. The only daughter he had at that time died. He even took the watch from his pocket to pay on accounts. He began working to buy back the original home on Mission Creek, where once he assembled one of the first "backstage houses" that came "around the Horn."

He started over again. He did well in real estate transactions by selling the Potrero Tract in San Francisco. However, Horner preferred a new field for a fresh start. In 1879 he sailed for Hawaii there to work for the Spreckles Sugar Co. He was elected as a noble by the Hawaiians. He prospered and was blessed with more sons and daughters.

A natural student he wrote in 1878 a pamphlet, "National Finance and Public Money" to which he appended a twenty-five-page auto-biography in which he graphically recounts his youth in California. He tells of the first Agricultural Fair held in San Francisco, October 24, 1851 at which time he was given the title of First Farmer of California and awarded a silver goblet which he treasured all his subsequent life. In this sketch he makes a strong appeal to young men to refrain from use of tobacco, intoxicating drink, and all forms of gambling. In regards to his misfortune he quotes Job, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed by the name of the Lord." He died May 7, 1907.

Brother Frank Woolley, of Honolulu says that although Mr. Horner later became inactive in the Church he never denied the faith. Many Brooklyn Saints became reorganized Latter-day Saints during the thirty-five years when there were no missionaries in California (1857 to 1892), but many others never wavered.

Roy Clovis Opens New Paint Store

Roy Clovis, Berkeley Second Ward, has been painting and wall paper contracting, mostly in the bay area for many years. Now Mr. and Mrs. Clovis announce the fulfillment of an old dream, the opening of their own paint and wall paper establishment.

Monday, October 6, the talented Clovises open their brand-new Dutch-Boy Paint and Wallpaper Store at 753 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, two blocks north of Solano Avenue.

Among the many friends and admirers of both Roy and Helen, who have enjoyed their singing and stage entertaining abilities for many years, the general feeling is one of pleasure that another friendly and efficient LDS-owned business will open its doors to the public on busy San Pablo street in Albany.

Ten Commandments For Parents

"There are ten commandments for parents seeking to provide the basic requirements of a good home." W. Cleon Skousen, BYU executive Alumni Secretary, told June Leadership Week attendants at the "Y."

1. Three healthful meals each day. 2. An adequate supply of clean and respectable clothing. 3. A secure, comfortable place to sleep. 4. A consistent program of discipline and training. 5. A constant manifestation that a child is loved and wanted. 6. A stimulation to go to school, to church and to be active in local youth organizations. 7. Provide some activity

You'd Be Surprised; Chapels Going Up, Claremont, Pittsburg

Hats off to Bishop Millward of Claremont and to Bishop Astle of Pittsburg! All honor to the loyal bands of workers and contributors within these two wards for two stately chapels!

Honor also to the devoted members of other wards, those who have travelled even "from afar" to give hours of labor unselfishly upon chapels out of their own wards but still houses of worship dedicated to the Most High!

If the wives and daughters of Claremont and of Pittsburg and of other assisting wards were not given due praise for providing tempting food and giving pleasant encouragement to the tired workers "on the job" the story would truly be only half told.

Looking ahead just a few months, these two wards, and indeed the entire group of 11 units that comprise Berkeley Stake, may well raise their heads in just pride because of these two completed church structures.

Indeed two such towering, dignified and commodious houses of divine worship cannot but be noted and commended by all worthy citizens of these respective California communities.

Something beautiful, worthy and holy has been added to the spirit and general moral atmosphere of Pittsburg and Berkeley. Heaven also is pleased!

Walnut Creek Troop 211 Camps At Lake Alpine

Pleasant Hill — Nine fun-filled days were spent by the boys in Walnut Creek Boy Scout Troop 211 recently at Lake Alpine.

Several things stand out:— (1) three or four large bears who made their presence known around their camp, (2) a P. G. & E. deep sea diver at work repairing the dam and (3) their many camp activities which included fishing, cooking, hiking, etc.

Scout Master Johnny Openshaw accompanied the boys on their trip, and gave advice towards advancement badges.

Participating in the fun were Allan Peters, Sr. Patrol leader; Gordon Offens, Troop Scribe; Darrell Mickleberry, Dave Christensen, Donald Cleveland, Larry White, Bing Pong, Roger Rasmussen, Bob Silvera, Dick Peterson, Freddie Lorenzon and Dan Lammell.

Goings and Comings

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bia River Highway, and the Redwood Highway to Berkeley, Barbara and Doug Pimental had the pleasure of going through the Salt Lake Temple; then to Idaho Falls where they met Carolyn and Harold De La Mare.

Norma and Tom Uber and their daughters Lynda, Katherine, and Peggy Ann had a lovely two weeks trip back to Pennsylvania to visit Tom's folks.

Marguerite and Milton Noe will be in Honolulu for Temple Week October 13th-22nd. What a lovely place for a temple excursion. Eva and Elmo Curtis are taking in Victoria and Vancouver. B. C. Ivy and Irv Erickson are home from an extended tour of Utah.

Santa Rosa: Cultivating a long dream Richard and Ena Squires, their daughter Audrey and son Garey traveled to Salt Lake to have their sealing work done in the temple. On their return they presented an inspiring program at a recent Sacramento meeting, where among other things it was revealed that Bro. Squires grandfather was Brigham Young's personal barber.

Mrs. Mable Schick and daughter are back after an extended visit to Utah.

Berkeley First: The Joseph C. Eyrings have had a busy few weeks. Visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. Spencer LeVan Kimball, son and daughter-in-law of Apostle Kimball. Mr. Kimball is Dean of the School of Law at the University of Utah. Also guests in the Eyring home were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Edwards and five of their children, of Provo, where Mr. Edwards is Dean of the School of Commerce at the BYU. LaVon had also been busy getting son Phil ready to leave for the "Y."

The James E. Sabines spent a pleasant three weeks in Salt Lake and southern Utah, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Christopherson, and Mrs. James Sabine. While in Salt Lake they were the guests of Clark and Betty Stohl, former members of Berkeley Ward.

Guests at the Leland J. Fife home last month were Margaret's parents, Patriarch and Mrs. Thomas L. Smart of Portland, Oregon. The Fifes also enjoyed a visit with a brother, Wm. B.

at least once a week which the entire family can do together. 8. Encourage respect for law and order. 9. Make a child's friends feel welcome. 10. Make "Home the headquarters where he can get in without a latchkey and know

SERVICEMEN'S COMMITTEE ACTIVE IN OAKLAND STAKE

Skaggs-Stone Build Six-Acre Structure

Skaggs-Stone Inc., of which O. Leslie Stone of Berkeley First Ward is the president, distributors of general merchandise issued in September a unique, 16-page brochure of cartoons, photographs, sketches, diagrams, brief captions and disclosures.

Purpose of this colored, professionally designed and executed booklet is to inform the trade of the near-completion and December occupancy of the company's new 250,000 square-foot warehouse and office building in east Oakland at 727 Kennedy Street, convenient to the Eastshore Freeway and also to the 23rd Street overpass.

President O. Leslie Stone organized this currently thriving wholesale firm six years ago along with M. B. Skaggs, chairman of the board, and R. E. Diamond, vice president.

Today the business has increased to such an extent that the present plant at 5725 East 14th Street, Oakland, is literally "busting at the seams."

Shown in the attractive booklet, besides a view of the new structure as one would see it from the air, and a vicinity map, are 78 pictures of the personnel of Skaggs-Stone.

Included among these photographs are the heads of the corporation and the office staff of 33, the six buyers and the seven department heads, the warehouse staff of 42, the 44 salesmen and six sample room personnel.

"In the six years we have been in business (thanks to our customers)," concludes the Skaggs-Stone publication, "we have grown rapidly and to the point where we are the West Coast's largest distributors of variety merchandise. We are proud of the distinction and intend to maintain it."

"Les," a member of the Liahona Club, has already extended an invitation for the club to meet at the plant early after its completion as his guest in one of their regular dinner meetings.

Beehive Book Club

Offers Something

Good, Something New

An event of more than a little significance, it seemed to many, was the announcement in the September Messenger of a "Book Club" devoted entirely to LDS literature." A second running of that announcement will be found on page five of this October number of The Messenger.

"Seek ye knowledge out of the best books," is the Lord's own behest to his people, and a blessed commandment it is indeed. "Tell me what books you read and I will tell you largely what you are," has been said. "O God, I do but think thy thoughts after Thee," said one great thinker and writer.

"Book of Mormon Stories For Young LDS;" "LDS Scripture;" "On the way to immortality and Eternal Life;" "Jesus the Christ," and "Joseph Smith, Seeker After Truth"—what a feast for mind and spirit.

Smart, of the MIA General Board, and his family.

Martinez Ward: August Val Loefer visited with relatives in Utah. . . Lynn Robison camped out on his vacation. . . Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shaw visited friends and their parents in Ogden.

Maxwell Park: After an extended visit with friends and relatives in Utah and Idaho, Bea Larsen is again home to take up her work on the MIA Stake Board and in the ward. An original plan to attend June conference snowballed into 2½ months of most enjoyable visiting with folks she had not seen for many years. George and Jean Krage Sweeten of Malad, Idaho send word with Bea that all is well with them now that their young daughter, Barbara Jean has recovered from an appendectomy. Betty and Dick Allphin also send greetings.

Fern Nelson has visited the past month in Long Beach. John joined her for 5 days before the return trip home.

San Leandro: — The Howard Blouts were privileged to witness the inspired pageant at Hill Cumorah this summer.

Elmhurst Ward: — Jerry Todd left, Sept. 5, to serve his time with Uncle Sam. ♦ Bill Atkins spent two weeks with us while on a furlough in September. While he was here he spoke at Sacramento Meeting on some of the temptations LDS boys face while in the service.

There will be someone there to welcome him at any time," according to Cleon.

The Oakland Stake Servicemen's committee is composed of Thys Winkle, chairman; Dennis Lauper, J. Howard Dunn and Lewis Williams.

Oak Knoll Hospital is completely organized with a group leader and two assistants; meetings are held at 9 a.m. every Sunday. These servicemen are doing a fine work in making contacts with patients.

Camp Parks Air Force Base at Pleasanton is a hive of activity as it represents the entire western part of the United States for indoctrination of these enlisted men. We have an average of 120 men identified with the LDS Church here. Of this number between 60 and 80 attend services at 2 p. m. each Sunday.

A study group holds forth also every Wednesday evening. We are most fortunate at this location with our own LDS, Chaplain Raynal Pearson. He has a system whereby each boy in contact and interviewed as he arrives at the base.

In this way the chaplain learns much about our servicemen and, they quickly become acquainted with others. Chaplain Pearson is a boy's man, is young himself, and seems to understand the viewpoint held by those with whom it is his pleasure to associate.

Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda, has 169 of our members listed. Group meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Base Chapel. These young men put forth great effort to hold their organization together and are properly organized. Frequent visitors (off ship) attend, making their meetings most interesting.

Veterans' Hospital (formerly Oakland Hotel) is in care of the Oakland Ward Elders' Quorum by special assignment. They contact the hospital and locate our members and indicating their interest in their welfare.

Alameda Ward

New Auxiliary Heads; LaVine MacRae Here

Bishop's Message: A Testimony of Action.

Spoken testimonies strengthen our own testimonies and are much appreciated.

We have some in our ward who never express their testimonies at testimony meetings. They bear, however, a strong testimony in their actions. For instance, a pulpit for the junior Sunday School was needed. Willing hands built it. The outside of our chapel needed painting. Willing hands spent their days-off painting it. The kitchen needed cleaning. It is clean. A rummage sale is set for the benefit of the Welfare Plan. Willing hands respond in gathering things together and in selling them. A teacher or officer is needed to guide our youth in the ways of righteousness. One is asked and replies, "I'll be glad to do my best."

• September 30 marked the opening party of the Relief Society. Outstanding number on the program was a book review by Emma Gardner. Our meetings will be held Tuesday mornings, 10 to 11:30, under the direction of the new presidency Alice Everett, Loraine Powell and Cora Hallford. Erma Lane is secretary. On the teaching staff are Carol Durham, Ruth Bebee, Ruth Cathol, Lucille Halladay, LaVine MacRae and Marian Jorgensen.

The Primary extends lots of thanks to released president, Marjorie Collins, who for health reasons leaves the work she has done so well. Released also are her counselors, Virginia Dean and Betty Jo Campbell.

The new Primary presidency is Frances Severson, Marilyn Price and Marjorie Miller. Among the teachers are Betty Jo Campbell, Carol Fox, Ludine De Celle, Lucille Halladay, Margaret Winters, Verla Smith, Lucille Buchan, Dorothy Goesch and Maxine Leslie.

LaVine MacRae has returned to her Alameda home after a long stay in the LDS hospital following a serious automobile accident. We are pleased to see her looking so well and wish her every good thing.

Visiting in our ward were Bro. and Sis. Herman Christensen and their children, Brent 11, Connie 5, Karen 2. The family comes from Eureka. We welcome them as members of the ward; we also welcome Anson and Billie Perkins from Dimond Ward, who are now our leaders in the Special Interest MIA group. We also welcome James and Margaret Skelton and their son, James Gary, from Key West, Florida, and Alma and Pearl Treharne from Dimond Ward.

The ward extends deepest sympathy to Sister Henrietta Dedmon on the death of her husband, John Stanley Dedmon, who was killed in an airplane crash on Mt. Petain. She and her infant son are leaving to live in San Diego. Bro. Dedmon was a recent and sincere convert.

The MIA honored all ward mothers and daughters in a pretty reception Sunday, September 7, 4 to 6 p.m. Mothers thus became acquainted with the MIA officers and teachers and with the year's program.